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EASTERN PAKISTAN'S SHOCK TACTICS

Armed Forces First Occupy Disputed Territory & Then Call For Arbitration

CALCUTTA, Dec. 19, (U.P.I.): A border dispute has arisen between the West and East Bengal Governments over Char Sarandazpur, near the Baninagar Police Station in Murshidabad and the disputed territory has been occupied by the East Bengal Armed Forces.

'MODUS OPERANDI'

It is learnt that some East Bengal officers came to Char Sarandazpur, the disputed territory, and began realising money for the Quaid-e-Azam Relief Fund. This unnerved the local people and about 500 of them left the place.

The West Bengal Government on receipt of information, despatched a number of armed policemen, but before they reached Char Sarandazpur, Superior East Bengal Forces took possession of the territory.

Want No Breach Of Peace!

The East Bengal Government, however, informed the West Bengal Government that they did not want any breach of peace over the question and desired a conference of revenue heads of the two Governments to ascertain merits of rival claims.

The West Bengal Government have informed the Central Government and asked for authority to open negotiations with the East Bengal Government.

Sardar Among Eastern States Chiefs: (Left to Right) Raja of Athgarh, Miss Maniben Patel, Sardar Patel, Rani of Ranpura and Mr. Hare Krishna Mahtab.

Bombay Bans 'Dawn' & Two Other Karachi Papers

Transmitters Seized In Calcutta: Alleged Sending Of Messages To Pakistan

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Government of Bombay has issued orders against the receivers and distributors in Bombay city of the newspapers Anjam (Urdu), Insaf (Urdu and Gujarathi) and Dawn (English) of Karachi, restraining them from receiving and distributing copies of the papers until further orders. The action has been taken under the Bombay Public Security Measures Act, 1947.

RESTRAINT ORDER ON AHMEDABAD PAPER

Under the Public Security Measures Act 1947, an order has been served against the Editor, Printer and Publisher of the BHARAT, an Anglo-Gujarati daily of Ahmedabad and the keeper of the Shri Laxmi Narayan Printing Press, Ahmedabad, at which the paper is printed, restraining them from printing and publishing for a period of one month any matter bearing directly or indirectly on the communal situation or on any communal question.

POLICE OPEN FIRE AGAIN IN KURLA

BOMBAY, Friday:

One person was wounded by knife and four others were injured by stone throwing in Kurla area on Friday evening, says a Communique issued

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Bhabha And Krishna Menon For India

LONDON, Dec. 19, (Reuter): The High Commissioner for India, Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, left London by air today for New Delhi for consultation with his Government. He was accompanied by the Indian Minister of Commerce, Mr. C. H. Bhabha.

BAO DAI POSTPONES DEPARTURE

HONGKONG, Dec. 19, (Reuter): Bao Dai, the former Emperor of Annam, who planned to leave here for London by air tomorrow, has postponed his departure until Wednesday as certain formalities for his landing in England have not yet been completed.

TRAIN ACCIDENT NEAR AMALSAD

Engine Driver Killed: 3 Passengers Hurt

SURAT, Dec. 19. (API): A passenger train which left Bombay last night for Surat met with an accident early this morning between Amalsad and Vedcha stations about 135 miles from Bombay, resulting in the death of the engine driver and injuries to three passengers.

According to information available here so far, the engine of the train struck against the muzzle of an anti-aircraft gun, projecting on the railway line from an open wagon of a goods train standing on a siding. The gun had become loose from its moorings.

The passenger train reached Surat five hours late today.

Truman Greets Marshall

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. (Reuter): President Truman and his entire Cabinet welcomed United States Secretary of State George Marshall on his arrival from London by air today after the failure of the "Big Four" Conference of Foreign Ministers.

Mr. Truman, who shook hands with Mr. Marshall as he stepped from the plane, was heard to say, "I think you did a good job".

Mr. Marshall told newsmen, "I am sorry I could not bring back profitable results".

TRUMAN WANTS TO SEE STALIN

But Only In Washington

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18, (Reuter): President Truman declared, today, that with the breakdown of the Council of Foreign Ministers meeting in London, he would be glad to meet with Stalin but only in Washington.

Truman said he was "not at all downheard", as a result of the London failure, and expressed confidence that the world would eventually gain the peace it needed so much.

Chetty's Advisers On Sterling Talks

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19, (A.P.I.): A Press Note says:

The Finance Minister has invited the following three members of the Standing Finance Committee to be associated with him and to advise him on matters pertaining to the forthcoming talks with His Majesty's Government on Sterling Balances:

Mr. M. S. Aney,
Dewan Chaman Lall, and
Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari.

The talks will be held in New Delhi and will be at official level.

Jawahar To Visit Rangoon

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19, (A.P.I.): The Prime Minister Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru is expected to visit Rangoon to be present on the occasion of the Burmese Independence Day, which is to be celebrated on January 4. It is learnt that the Burmese Prime Minister, Thakin Nu, during his recent visit to Delhi personally invited Pt. Nehru.

The Indian Prime Minister has tentatively accepted the invitation.

Mahatma Visits Gurgaon

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19, (A.P.I.) Mahatma Gandhi accompanied by Dr. Gopichand Bhargava, East Punjab Premier paid a brief visit to Muslim refugee-camps at Gurgaon, 50 miles from Delhi.

Mahatma Gandhi left Birla House at 12 noon and returned at about 4 p.m. Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Bhargava addressed the Muslim refugees there.

Mahatma Gandhi will open Panchayat Ghar at village Sambhalka on Gurgaon Road on December 22 at 3 p.m.

SPLIT IN FRENCH TRADE UNION MOVEMENT

PARIS, Dec. 19, (Reuter): Leaders of the Anti-Communist labour movement representing more than 1,000,000 French workers voted today by an overwhelming majority to break away from the Communist-led General Confederation of Labour.

Their decision splits the French trade union movement from top to bottom.

The split will also tend to range French organised labour in two camps on international questions—those who follow Soviet Russia in foreign affairs and those who support the West and the Marshall plan.

It is bound to sharpen the threatening conflict in the World Federation of Trade Unions between supporters of the Marshall Plan and those who support the Cominform attack on the plan.

Leaders of the breakaway movement were meeting tonight to discuss the formation of a "new and politically independent central trade union organisation".

The five non-Communist members the Executive Committee of the Confederation Generale Du Travail, including M. Leon Jouhaux, Joint Secretary, sent letters of resignation immediately after the decision to break away.

Leaders of the new movement consider that very soon they can count on at least 2,000,000 members in all important sections of organised labour.

DE GAULLISTS' DEMAND FOR GENERAL ELECTION

PARIS, Dec. 19. (Reuter): A motion calling for dissolution of the French National Assembly and a general election will be tabled by Deputies supporting Gen. Charles De Gaulle's "Rally of the French People".

The proposals were approved at a meeting of several thousand people last night, which was attended by the General's brother V. Pierre De Gaulle of the Paris Municipal Council.

After various Party leaders had demanded a new Assembly, the meeting passed a unanimous vote of confidence in General De Gaulle.

CONSEMBLY TO MEET ON JAN. 28

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19. (A.P.I.): The President of the Constituent Assembly of India has directed that a session of the Constituent Assembly for discharging its functions as the Dominion Legislature will commence at New Delhi on January 28, 1948.

The Secretariat of the Constituent Assembly in a Communique says:—

Taking advantage of the session of the Constituent Assembly (Legislative) called for January 28, 1948, the President has decided to convene a short session of the Constituent Assembly of India at 11 am. on Monday, January 26, 1948, to transact certain items of business of an important and urgent nature relating to the amendment of the Constituent Assembly rules.

Iran Sans Premier

TEHERAN, Dec. 19. (Reuter): Sardar Fakher Hekmat, who was yesterday appointed Premier of Persia in place of Ghavam-es-Sultaneh, has resigned, it was officially announced today.

He was formerly President of the Persian Majlis.

JAWAHAR'S COUSIN DEAD

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19, (A.P.I.): Mr. A. K. Nehru, Director of Military Estates and Lands in the Ministry of Defence, died suddenly of heart failure in New Delhi on Wednesday evening.

Mr. Nehru, who was 44, at the time of his death, was the son of the late Pt. Shamlal Nehru. He was a cousin of the Prime Minister.

CLOTH CONTROL TO GO BY JAN. 15?

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 19.

It is learnt from well-informed circles that Government of India have decided to remove cloth control by January 15. The Government, it is stated, had at first decided to decontrol cloth from April 1, 1948 but, as price of cotton has soared up and as millowners demand increase in price of cloth, the Government wants to decontrol it sooner, since it is not in favour of any increase in price of cloth.

It is also believed that price of steel is likely to increase. The difference between the Government's view and that of Mr. J. R. D. Tata is believed to be that the Government wants to increase price of steel by 12½ per cent while Tata demands 25 per cent on the argument that the company is entitled to get 12½ per cent more, which was voluntarily cut during the war.

MAHATMA'S PLEA FOR DECONTROL OF PETROL

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19. (API): Mahatma Gandhi in his post-prayer speech this evening suggested the removal of control over petrol so that motor transport would be come easily available for distribution of sugar, salt and other commodities so as to check soaring prices, besides relieving the pressure on railways.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

NEW YORK COTTON MARCH
New York, Dec. 19.

Previous Closing	35.57
Today's Opening	35.53
Difference	-4
Today's Closing	35.82
Difference	+25

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
New York, Dec. 19.

New York Stock Exchange Opening Prices.

Anaconda Copper Mining 34-5/8
General Motors 56-3/4
United States Steel Common 76-5/8
United States Steel Preference Unquoted.

LAST QUOTATIONS
Bombay, Dec. 19.

	Rs.	As.
Cotton Jarila Jan.	505	0
Cotton Jarila March	501	8
Silver Bullion	169	12
Gold Forward	105	0
Sovereign	68	8

STOP PRESS

HYDERABAD VERSUS MADRAS

SECUNDERABAD, Dec. 19. (A.P.I.): Hyderabad were all out for 201 runs in their first innings against Madras in the Inter-Provincial Cricket Tournament for Ranji Trophy. At close of play Madras had made two for loss of three wickets.

FIRST T. T. 'TEST'

MADRAS, Dec. 19. (A. P. I.): Czechoslovakia won the first 'test' against India in Table Tennis International played here today.

BUCH TO BE MORVI DEWAN

RAJKOT, Dec. 19. (A. P. I.): Maharaja of Morvi has appointed Mr. D. M. Buch to succeed Rao Bahadur Mulvantrai Bashi as Dewan of Morvi.

BRITAIN NOT TO RELAX DUTY ON FOREIGN FILMS

LONDON, Dec. 19. (U.P.A.): J. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, told a press conference today that Britain would not relax the 75 per cent import duty on foreign films but would consider an exchange plan in which foreign nations would accept more British films.

Mystery Planes Over Gilgit

Pakistan 'Deserters' Among Kashmir Raiders: 5,000 Women Abducted From Mirpur Area

SRINAGAR, Dec. 19, (U.P.I.): Certain aeroplanes not belonging to the Indian Dominion were recently noticeable over Gilgit and landing at and taking off from the Gilgit aerodrome, according to information received here.

No official confirmation in this connection, however, is available here.

It may be stated that that Gilgit has a 'kutcha' landing ground fit for only "Howard" planes.

The "United Press of India" learns that that one Dr. Mohd. Shah of Mardan (Frontier Province) has been posted as "Agency Surgeon" in Gilgit by the Invaders. Nothing is known about the fate of the Kashmir Government employee in Gilgit who has been encircled by the invaders. No telegraph and postal communication is possible with Gilgit from Srinagar.

A heavy snowfall is reported on the Buzail Pass about 11,000 feet above sea level, which lies on the route from Srinagar to Gilgit.

Battle Of Free India

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19, (U. P. I.): "I felt that the atom bomb is kindlier and more human way of warfare compared to this undeclared way of killing, looting and abducting and torturing of thousands of innocent men, women and children", observed Mr. P. H. Patwardhan in the course of an interview to the "United Press of India".

Mr. Patwardhan had been in

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Public Radio Sets For Pakistan Broadcasts Only

KARACHI, Dec. 19. (U. P. I.): The Mayor of Karachi has issued an order that radio sets in public places should be used only for receiving broadcasts of radio Pakistan news only.

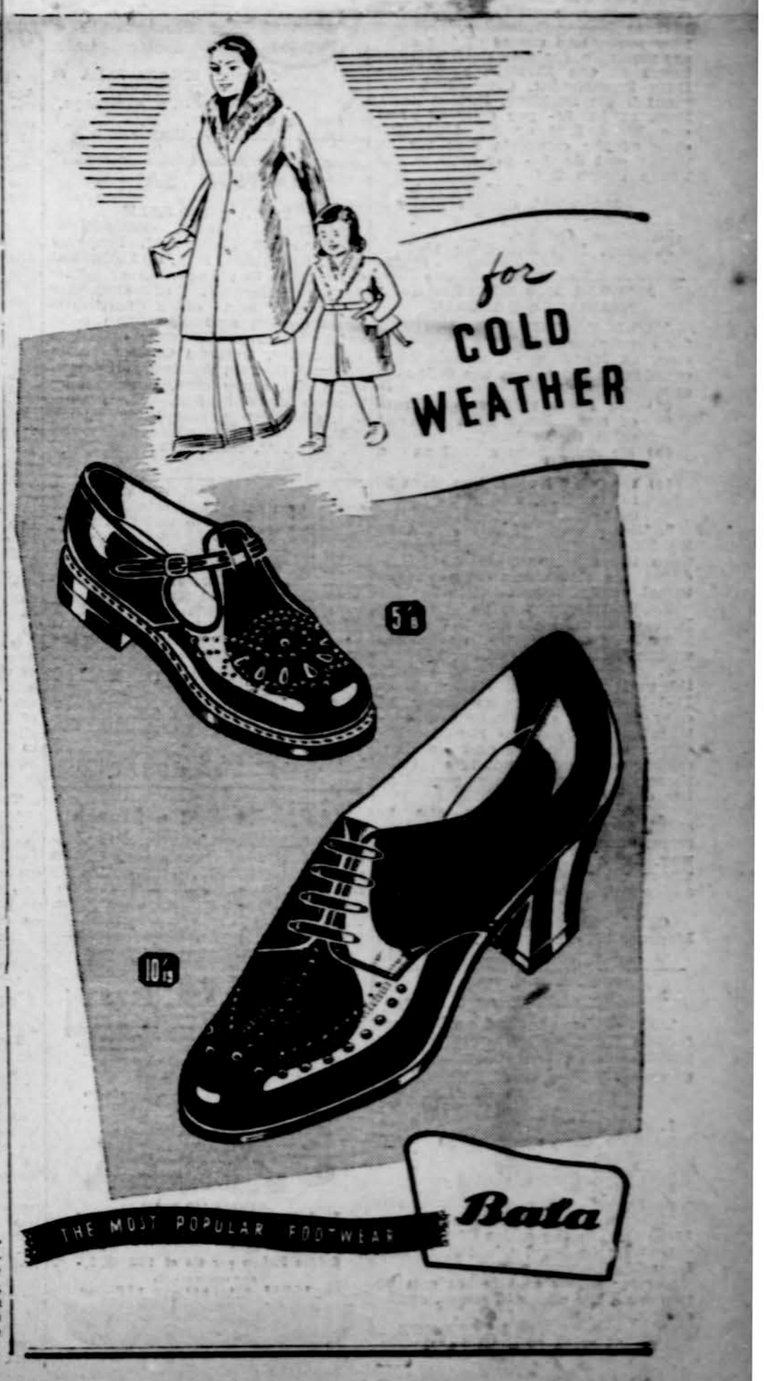
20 DIE IN LAHORE COLD

LAHORE, Dec. 19, (U.P.I.): Twenty persons were found dead on the road side in Lahore on Wednesday last owing, it is believed, to severe cold.

Lahore is having extreme cold in these days.

Jaora Nawab Dead

INDORE, Dec. 19. (A.P.I.): Death occurred last night at the age of 64 of His Highness Lt.-Col. Sir Mohd Iftikharali Khan, Nawab of Jaora.



ANNOUNCEMENT

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED for the information of all concerned that the Registered and Head Offices of the Company are now normally functioning from 1, Ansari Road, Daryaganj, Delhi. The policyholders of the Company who have migrated from the Punjab, N.W.F.P, Kashmir State, Delhi Province and Sind and Baluchistan during recent disturbances are requested to immediately notify their full addresses for all future correspondence and may get into touch with the Head Office or the nearest Branch Office of the Company for details relating to the formalities and facilities which the management has decided to extend in respect of issuance of fresh policies in lieu of the policies lost or destroyed and of revival of lapsed policies in deserving cases without interest and evidence of good health.

The policyholders, field workers and other well-wishers of the Company will be glad to know that the Company was able to evacuate most of the essential records relating to the policyholders and all efforts are being made to bring the remaining. The Company has been issuing premium notices although without any obligation on its part, in the past. The Company will again resume doing so as soon as the mechanical equipment of the Company is installed in Delhi. In the meanwhile, policyholders are advised in their own interest to remit the premia on due dates without the receipt of a premium notice from the Company. They should also apply for payment of maturity claims a month in advance of maturity date so as to enable the Company to complete all formalities in due time and make payment on the date of maturity as heretofore.

(Sd.) JAI CHAND JAIN,
General Manager.

BHARAT INSURANCE CO., LTD. DELHI

PUBLIC NOTICES

B. B. & C.I. RAILWAY—TENDER.

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES B.B. & C.I. Rly. Mahalaxmi, Bombay 11, invites tenders for the supply of 29 Fluorescent fittings. Tender forms can be obtained from the above address on application and tenders should be submitted in sealed cover by 5th January, 1948. Firms not on the approved list of tenderers of this Railway should furnish their Banker's references.

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B.B. & C.I. RAILWAY.

WITH EFFECT from 20th December, 1947 and until further notice, Nos. 13 Down and 14 Up Passenger trains running between Bulsar and Ahmedabad will be cancelled between Baroda and Ahmedabad, due to the rebuilding of Meshwa Bridge between Mehmadabad and Kaira Road and Kanij.

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INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE, ANAND.

SEALED PERCENTAGE TENDERS are invited for the construction of The Bansilal Amritlal College of Agriculture, estimated to cost Rs. 9,95,730/- so as to reach the undersigned on or before 4 P.M. on 5th January, 1948. Plans can be seen and tender form, estimate, specifications and conditions of contract can be had from the office of the Construction Engineer or Madanlal T. Engineer, Architects, 79, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, on payment of Rs. 20. Rs. 10,000/- shall be paid as earnest money in the Institute treasury and the receipt attached with the tender, without which no tender shall be considered. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject the lowest tender.

M. D. PATEL,
Director,
Institute of Agriculture, Anand.
Anand, dated 18th December, 1947.

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TENDER NOTICE.

THE DIVISIONAL ENGINEER, G.I.P. Railway, Parel, invites tenders upto 3 P.M. on 31-12-1947 for 'Whitewashing of Railway Buildings between Poona and Ambernath (excluding Lonavla) on Lonavla sub-division.' The form of tender, schedule and conditions of contract can be obtained from his office on payment of Rs. 2/- per set. This sum will not be refunded.

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NOTICE.

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION ROLL which will remain in force for 4 years, commencing from 20th December, 1947, to 19th December, 1951 and the Roll of Delegates of Registered Trade Unions, which will remain in force for 12 months commencing from 20th December, 1947 to 19th December, 1948 are now ready and copies of the same are available for sale during Office hours at the Election and Town Duty Department, City Improvement Trust Building, Napier Road, Fort, at Rs. 5/- per copy of any one Ward Roll or Rs. 150/- per copy of the complete Roll for all wards, and Re. 1/- per copy of the Trade Union Roll.

B. K. PATEL
Municipal Commissioner
for the City of Bombay.
Municipal Offices,
Bombay, 10th December 1947.

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MADRAS AND SOUTHERN MAHRATTA RAILWAY

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for appointment as Pilot on probation, at Mormugao Harbour from candidates possessing the following qualifications:—

(a) He must hold a certificate of competency as a Master valid in India.
(b) He must have served as a Chief Officer.
(c) He must be not less than 25 and not more than 35 years of age.

2. The scale of pay will be Rs. 300-20-500. Higher starting pay than the minimum will be considered for applicants with exceptional qualifications.

3. Preference will be given to Portuguese subjects and those having a local knowledge of navigation within Mormugao Harbour limits.

4. Applications should reach the undersigned not later than 11-1-1948 and be accompanied by copy of birth certificate and certificates testifying to the candidate's good conduct and ability, during a period of not less than three years immediately preceding the date of application.

5. Further particulars can be obtained from the Chief Operating Superintendent, M. & S. M. Railway, Park Town, Madras 3, to whom all applications should be addressed.

(Sd.) P. A. F. CORY,
Chief Operating Superintendent.
Madras, 16th December, 1947.

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B. B. & C. I. RLY.

TENDER NOTICE NO. T. LP|34

TENDERS are invited on the prescribed form No. G.S. 203 for the purchasing of the following.

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2. Rice (Average quality)	1,000
3. Maize	2,000
4. Jowar	1,000
5. Bajri	500
6. Sugar	300

Tenders closing on 23-12-47 at 10-30 Hrs. in the office of the President Grain Shop Committee and Loco Works, Supdt. Dohad.

Tender forms and terms can be had from the above office on application.

PRESIDENT,
Grain Shop Committee, Dohad.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

B.B. & C.I. RAILWAY
GRAINSHOP DEPARTMENT.
TENDERS.

THE ASSTT. CONTROLLER, Grainshops, B.B. & C.I. Railway, Church Gate, will receive tenders on the prescribed form upto 11-0 hrs. on 24-12-1947 for the supply of cereals at the Railway Grainshops at Malad, Borivli, Bassein Road and Palghar and Sugar at Bombay Central Godown.

Tender documents may be obtained free of charge from the office of the abovenamed.

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EMPIRE OF INDIA LIFE ASSURANCE CO., LTD., BOMBAY

NOTICE HAVING BEEN GIVEN of the loss of Policy numbered 153927 on the life of G. P. G. SHANKAR of Jubbulpore a fresh policy in lieu thereof will be issued unless objection is lodged with the Company within one month from this date.

Bombay, 25-11-1947.

ROSHANLAL,
General Manager.

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LEGAL NOTICES

HIGH COURT.
O. O. C. J.

Summary Suit No. 2878 of 1947.

Messrs. HABIB & SONS, a firm ..... Plaintiffs.
vs.
DWARKADAS JETHANAND & Ors. ..... Defendants.

To
1. Dwarkadas Jethanand
2. Ganeshdas Dwarkadas
3. Vishandas Dwarkadas
4. Tirathdas Tolaram

The defendants herein.

TAKE NOTICE that the abovenamed plaintiffs have filed the above suit against you under rule 2 of order XXXVII of the Code of Civil Procedure for the recovery of Rs. 17,424-13-0 being the balance due to the plaintiffs under a Receipt dated 8-10-1946 passed by you in plaintiffs favour with interest on Rs. 16,600/- at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent per annum from 1st August, 1947, till judgment and costs of the suit and interest on judgment at 4 per cent per annum till payment. You are hereby summoned to cause an appearance to be entered for you in this Court within ten days of the publication hereof in default whereof the plaintiffs will be entitled at any time after the expiration of such ten days to obtain a decree as aforesaid.

Dated this 5th day of Sept. 1947.

(Sd.) A. R. NARAYAN AYYAR,
For Prothonotary & Senior Master.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

Messrs. KHANDVALA & CHHOTALAL.
Plaintiff's Attorneys,
Lentin Chambers,
Dalal Street, Bombay 1.

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AUCTION SALES

BONA FIDE SALE

AUCTION SALE TOMORROW, SUNDAY at 10-30 A.M. Property of M. Robertson, Esq., and others at Chowpatty Sea Face, near Vianellis Restaurant of Complete household and office furniture, large Godrej and Austrian safe, Steel almirah, Singer machine, Typewriter, German Cottage piano by Rose, Dining, Writing and dressing table, Show case, Chesterfield, Zoonda almirah, bed, Elec. table fan., Cabinet gramophone with H.M.V. machine, glassware, etc. (S. Tax). T. No. 40213 EASTERN AUCTION CO.

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POSITION OF BERAR

Under Standstill Agreement With Nizam

BY GHANSHYAM SINGH GUPTA, Speaker, C.P. and Berar Legislative Assembly.

There seems to be some confusion in the minds of a section of the public regarding the standstill agreement of the 29th November with regard to its effect on Berar. If the matter could have come up before the Assembly in any shape or form the whole thing would probably have been made clear beyond doubt. What Dr. Khare exactly intended to make out was not clear. To my mind it would have given a good opportunity to show that there was nothing to fear. If the Government were handicapped for reasons of State to speak their whole mind, there were certainly others who could interpret the agreement and show that everything was alright. I have no doubt that the position is in no way worsened since August 15th on which date the India (Provisional Constitution) Order of the 14th August came into force.

Position Of Berar Before August 15th

Let us examine the point. There is no doubt that the agreement of 1936 recognised the sovereignty of the Nizam over Berar. It was by virtue of the agreement with the Nizam and not without it that Berar was amalgamated with C.P. and the two made into one composite province called "The Central Provinces and Berar". That agreement provided for other incidental rights of the Nizam, e.g., the appointment of the Governor after reference to him, specific mention of the agreement in case of every assent by the Governor to C. P. and Berar Act, oath of the Berar M.L.A.'s being subject to their allegiance to H.E.H. and many others. The agreement is replete with provisions that no major change in the Government of India Act 1935 affecting Berar could be made without the consent of H.E.H. Nizam. That was the position which we must clearly bear in mind in looking at the question.

The world has changed considerably since 1936 and the dominant principle today is not the sovereignty of any individual or his dynasty, but the sovereignty of the people. It is on the recognition of this principle that India has got its liberty from the British Government. And it should be said to the credit of the Congress Government and its States Department that this principle came into full play with respect to Berar also. The Government of India Act of 1935 was considerably changed with effect from 15th August 1947. The old section 47 by which the sovereignty of the Nizam over Berar was specifically recognised was altogether removed. It was as follows:

Old Section 47 Of Govt. Of India Act.

"Whereas certain territory (in this Act referred to as 'Berar') is under the sovereignty of His Exalted Highness the Nizam of Hyderabad, but is at the date of the passing of this Act, by virtue of certain agreements subsisting between His Majesty and His Exalted Highness, administered together with the Central Provinces;

And whereas it is in contemplation that an agreement shall be concluded between His Majesty and His Exalted Highness whereby, notwithstanding the continuance of the sovereignty of His Exalted Highness over Berar, the Central Provinces and Berar may be governed together as one Governor's Province under this Act by the name of the Central Provinces and Berar:

Now, therefore—

(1) While any such agreement is in force—

(a) Berar and the Central Provinces shall, notwithstanding the continuance of the sovereignty of His Exalted Highness, be deemed to be one Governir's Province by the name of the Central Provinces and Berar:

(b) any reference in this Act or in any other Act to British India shall be construed as a reference to British India and Berar, and any reference in this Act to subjects of His Majesty shall, except for the purposes of any oath of allegiance, be deemed to include a reference to Berari subjects of His Exalted Highness:

(c) any provision made under this Act with respect to the qualification of the voters for the Provincial Legislature of the Central Provinces and Berar, or the voters for the Council of State, shall be such as to give effect to any provisions with respect to those matters contained in the agreement."

New Section '47

The new section 47 reads as follows:

"47 Provisions as to Berar—Berar shall continue to be governed together with the Central Provinces as one Governor's Province under this Act by the name of the Central Provinces and Berar and in the same manner as immediately before the establishment of the Dominion; and any references in this Act to the Dominion of India shall be construed as including a reference to Berar."

Position Of Berar On And After 15th August

This makes no mention of any agreement at all. Nor is there any mention of the Sovereignty of the Nizam over Berar. Berar was made integral part of the Province not by virtue of any agreement with the Nizam but in spite of its absence and without any reference to him. The will of the people of Berar counted and their sovereignty recognised and given effect to. Some people seem to doubt the import of the words "in the same manner as immediately before the establishment of the Dominion," Berar shall continue to be governed "in the same manner" as before 15th August. The words under quotation have absolutely no reference to any treaty or agreement. It is the manner of governing and not the authority to govern that is indicated. The old authority to govern Berar was derived from the Nizam by virtue of the 1936 agreement and previous treaties. That is gone and finally buried deep in oblivion. The authority for governing Berar is no more derived from the Nizam, but it is in spite of his volition, in fact without any reference to him. The words "in the same manner" are not new in this connection. They occur in the correspondence that took place between H.E.H. the Nizam and the British Government immediately following the agreement of 1936. In fact the letters exchanged were by way of addenda to the agreement. They are most important and authoritative. The meaning of the words is absolutely clear in the context. I should like to quote: Berar will be governed "together with the Central Provinces in the manner provided in the Government of India Act, 1935". The manner of Government was not going to be different from that provided for in the Government of India Act for other provinces. That is what is ensured by the present section 47 also. Even now Berar cannot be governed in a manner different from that provided for in the Government of India Act for other provinces. That is all and nothing more. But even here it should not be forgotten that this is not because of any act or concurrence of H.E.H.

Position Under Standstill Agreement

Now let us examine the present standstill agreement of 29th November, 1947 as to its effect on Berar. The agreement, as everybody knows, is a very short one consisting of only 5 Articles. It is very significant that there is no mention of Berar in any of the Articles, nor anywhere in the lengthy letters exchanged. There is nothing explicit. If there was really anything regarding Berar, it, being a matter of such importance, could not have been left to inferences. But still let us see if there is anything implicit or necessarily hidden behind some words or phrases. Article I is the only one that can be said to have any bearing on the subject. It reads as follows:

"Until new agreements in this behalf are made, all agreements and administrative arrangements as to the matters of common concern, including External Affairs, Defence and Communications, which were existing between the Crown and the Nizam immediately before the 15th August, 1947 shall, in so far as may be appropriate, continue as between the Dominion of India (or any part thereof) and the Nizam". Old agreements and administrative arrangements as to "matters of common concern" are revived. It is not all agreements and administrative arrangements that are alive, but only such as are matters of "common concern". Three examples of these are given: (I) External Affairs, (II) Defence and (III) Communications. Nizam's sovereignty over Berar is not a matter of common concern. It is wholly and solely one party's concern i.e. of the Nizam. The words "in so far as may be appropriate" are also significant. It is, therefore, clear that Berar is not in the picture. Moreover, the clear provision of law contained in section 47 does not warrant any far-fetched inferences to the contrary.

A Mere Title

There is another point on which there is some misunderstanding. In the standstill agreement the Nizam has been addressed as the "Nizam of Hyderabad and Berar". Some people think that by addressing him as the Nizam of Hyderabad and Berar, the territories of Berar are handed over to him; and that contrary to clear section 47, the sovereignty of the Nizam over Berar is recognised by this mode of his address. Many people seem to be ignorant of the fact that it is a mere title like Mountbatten of Burma and nothing more. Before 27th Oct. 1936 the Nizam used to be called the "Nizam of Hyderabad". That was his appellation and was so used even in the treaty of 1936, which was signed on 24th Oct. On 27th Oct. 1936 a dynastic title of "Nizam of Hyderabad and Berar" was conferred on the Nizam and that of the "Prince of Berar" on his heir-apparent, by His Majesty the King. Since then in all correspondence the Nizam has been addressed the "Nizam of Hyderabad and Berar" and his heir-apparent as the "Prince of Berar". Berar no more goes to the Nizam by reason of his son being addressed as the Prince of Berar than by reason of the Nizam himself being addressed as the Nizam of Hyderabad and Berar.

ALL-INDIA HOCKEY TEAM IN NAIROBI

NAIROBI, December 19. (Reuter): The All-India hockey touring team arrived here today and were to be entertained at a party later in the day. The Governor of the colony was expected to attend the party which was being given by Kenya sportsmen.

On Saturday, the Mayor of Nairobi will give a civic reception in honour of the touring team.

INTER-COLLEGIATE BRABOURNE TROPHY ELOCUTION

BOMBAY, Dec. 19. (A.P.I.): The twelfth Inter-Collegiate Brabourne Trophy Elocution Competition will be held on Sunday, the 21st instant, at 4-30 p.m. in the College Hall under the presidentship of the Hon. Mr. V. L. Mehta, Finance Minister, Government of Bombay.

The following will act as Judges: Mrs. S. Natarajan, Mr. A. A. A. Fyzee, Mr. H. M. Seervai.

The Sportsman's Sportsfolio

India Robbed Of A Probable Victory In Second Test

BY J. C. MAITRA

Bad luck again. What might have been a glorious victory for India ended in a same draw. We have to thank the clerk of the weather for his deliberate partiality for the Kangaroos. In the first Test, he helped the Australians to win. How could Bradman succeed in defeating the tourists if play was impossible on the last day? I had every hope that Amarnath & Co. would be favoured in the same way at Sydney as the Aussies were at Brisbane. But that did not happen. Rains made further play impossible on the last day of the match and thus robbed India of an excellent chance of victory. Such an opportunity comes in the way of anybody rarely. I doubt if we will get it again. Our only consolation is that India was able to beat the redoubtable Australia on their own ground in the first innings.

PHADKAR'S PRAISEWORTHY EFFORTS

Amarnath was favoured with the spin of the coin. Naturally he took the batting first. But hardly had India begun, down poured the rains. Play was stopped for the day. Many wise-acres shook their heads and said, "Amarnath has made a bad bargain. On the second day India was all out for the negligible figure of 188.

It might have been much worse had not Phadkar risen to the occasion and made a splendid contribution of 51, the highest of the match. The gallant manner in which this young colt faced the formidable annoy of Australian bowlers—and against heavy odds—was highly praiseworthy indeed.

As against this poor batting performance on the whole, the home team compiled 28 for the loss of one wicket.

BROWN—MANKAD EPISODE

The way this wicket was captured was by no means creditable for India. Vinoo Mankad got Brown run out for backing up. No doubt the rule permits it and it is also true that a batsman should not take undue advantage of the leniency of a touring side. At the same time, it cannot be called sporting to dismiss a batsman in this fashion—and that too without a previous warning. It is bound to create bad blood and ill-feeling among the spectators. Fortunately, this unpalatable episode has now been sportingly made up between the two players concerned. Vinoo and Brown would do well not to repeat the performance.

SHOCK FOR BRADMAN

No play was possible on the third and fourth days owing to heavy rains. Every body was wondering whether the match would be finished at all. I was however hoping that India would have the opportunity of turning the tables on Australia. The fifth day brought us the surprise packet. The Great Don & Co. were dismissed for a paltry 107. Although this is not the smallest total on record, it is an unthinkable achievement for India. Hazare and Phadkar had done the trick. Their 4 and 3 wickets for 29 and 14 respectively were commendable feats indeed. On the other hand, it exposed the weakness of the Australians on such wickets. The quagmire converted the giants into more pygmees!

THE BATTING ORDER AGAIN!

It is true India lost 7 wickets for 61 in their second venture. But they had secured a lead of 142 by now. With a little luck in the shape of rain, there was every chance of getting the home team out even within that figure. But Jupiter Pluvius dashed all our hopes and aspirations to the ground by drawing a curtain over the fight prematurely. Undoubtedly the Australians came worse off out of the pray.

Now we stand where we were at the beginning of the contest—one down. But we have gained greater confidence in our strength. So we may put up better show in the remaining Tests—of course weather permitting.

We need not make too much fuss about Amarnath's decision to send in Amir Elahi to open the second innings. What we object to is his own appearance as late as the seventh. He would be much more useful to his side if he goes up two or three steps higher.

Bengal Lawn Tennis Championship

CALCUTTA, Dec. 18. (A.P.I.): Following are the results of today's matches in the Bengal lawn tennis championship played at the Eden Garden

MEN'S SINGLES: Sumant Misra beat N. Kumar 6-2, 7-5; M. Singh beat Banerjee 6-0, 6-4; Dilip Bose beat L. Alexy 6-1, 6-1; Narendranath beat P. K. Roy 6-1, 6-7 K. B. Madan beat J. A. Withmenn 9-7, 6-7.

Mens' Doubles Dilip Bose and Khasu Sen beat H. Dutt and G. S. C. Green 6-1, 6-0.

K. Madan and N. Kumar beat P. Khanna and Sriram 6-1, 6-3, Sumant Misra and Man Mohan beat A. K. Mittra and Y. Prasad 6-0, 6-2.

Miss Khanna (Punjab women's open singles champion) beat Mrs Woodbridge 6-4, 9-7.

Madras Race Club: Independence Cup Races

MADRAS, Dec. 18. (A.P.I.): Two gold Cups have been endowed by the Madras Race Club faces for Indian horses to be run in February in commemoration of India achieving independence.

The Independence Cup for Indian horses over a distance of a mile to be run on February7 will be worth Rs. 22,500 in stake money and a gold cup value of Rs. 1,000 the winner will get Rs. 15,00 the second horse Rs. 4,500 and the third horse Rs. 3,000.

The Free India Cup for Indian horses over a distance of nine furlongs to be run on February 21, will carry stake money of Rs. 15,000 and a gold cup value Rs. 1,000 the winner to get Rs. 10,000 and the cup, the second horse Rs. 3,000 and the third Rs. 2,000.

SINGLES TITLE FOR MRS. AHM

Concluding Day Of National Badminton Tournament

BOMBAY, Friday.

Mrs. Tonny Ahm became the first foreign National Champion this evening when she got the better of Miss Mumtaz Chinoy in a three set final. The Indian started in a very bright fashion, bagging the first game at the cost of 5 points and leading in the second. Mrs. Ahm, however, with determination and resoluteness drew level in the second game which she won, making the set score one-all. In the decider Miss Chinoy held a slender lead of 5-4. This was, however, not long-lived. The visitor from Denmark played in a supremely confident fashion making her normal strokes at will regardless of the score on the board. This policy paid rich dividends, for Miss Chinoy wilted under the sustained barrage of strokes and gave way.

The finals of the men's doubles was remarkable for being played. Holm of Denmark who had very badly sprained his right knee earlier in the tournament, decided not to disappoint the goodly crowd that had turned out and like the generous sportsman he is played with Madsen in the finals. Evidently pained by any movement involving some physical exertion, he carried on gamely to the end although he slipped once. Samuel and Leong were too much for Madsen to handle practically single handed and the result was inevitable. The spectators showed their appreciation of Holm's fine gesture by giving him the loudest applause of the evening both after his match as well as at the time of the prize distribution.

The mixed doubles affair also proved to be a one-sided affair. Miss Suman Deodhar bagged her second title of the tournament, this time in partnership with Madsen of Denmark, when she eliminated Leong and Mrs. Pinto in the finals of that event. Mrs. Pinto was easily the weakest player of the match and afforded poor support to her partner, who, however, gave a sterling display. With a better partner Leong would have shown better results. It is a thousand pities that two matches that would have been really first rate were spoiled this evening owing to unavoidable circumstances. First Holm sprained his knee thus taking the interest out of a match that might well have been the best ever seen on the Bombay Gymkhana courts, and then Leong stumbled into a weak partner.

Her Highness the Maharani of Baroda distributed the prizes.

THE RESULTS

Ladies' Singles Final

Mrs. Ahm beat Miss Chinoy 5-11, 11-8, 11-5.

Men's Doubles Final

Samuel and Leong beat Madsen and Holm 15-6, 15-4.

Mixed Doubles Final

Miss Suman Deodhar and T. Madsen beat Mrs. Pinto and C. K. Leong 15-11, 15-6.

PROGRAMME FOR SATURDAY

Women's Singles: International

6-15 p.m. onwards Mrs. T. A. Ahm (Denmark) vs. Miss M. Chinoy (India).

Followed by: Exhibition:

Miss Sunder Deodhar and S. A. Durai vs. Mrs. R. Soman and G. P. Shirke.

Followed by:

Men's Singles: International:

T. Madsen (Denmark) vs. G. Lewis (India).

Followed by: Exhibition

B. V. Ullal and D. G. Mugwe vs. S. Bose and M. Guha.

Followed by:

Mixed Doubles: International:

Mrs. T. Ahm and T. Madsen (Denmark) vs. Miss Suman Deodhar and Davinder Mohan (India).

Czech T. T. Stars At Madras

MADRAS, Dec. 18. (A.P.I.): The following were the results of today's table tennis exhibition matches in all of which the Czech internationals Vana and Andreades participated.

SINGLES:—Andreades beat Parthasarthy 21/9 21/10; Vana beat Krishnamurthy 21/13, 21/13; Andreades beat Ramaswamy 21/11, 21/15, 21/11; Vana beat Vittal 21/13, 21/16, 21/18; Vana beat Sivaraman 21/11, 21/11, 21/13; Andreades beat Vittal 21/14, 21/9, 24/22; Vana beat Ramaswamy 21/13, 21/16; Vana beat Sachidananda Rao 22/20 21/11, 21/18; Andreades beat Vana 21/13, 8/21, 19/21, 21/13 21/16.

DOUBLES:— Vana and Andreades beat A. Rajan and Arjunan 21/9, 18/21 21/14 Sachidananda Rao and Ramaswamy beat Vana and Andreades 21/19, 14/21, 21/18 21/16.

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EMPLOYERS' FEDERATION PLEDGE SUPPORT TO GOVERNMENT

No Ordered Life Possible Without Understanding Between Dominions, Says Chandavarkar

BOMBAY, Friday.

Neither India nor Pakistan has a chance of ordered existence, except on the basis of a close understanding between the two and of the minorities within their borders being assured of the fullest protection of their lives, properties and interests; said Sir Vithal Chandavarkar, presiding in the absence of Sir Homi Mody, at the Fifteenth Annual General Meeting of the Employers' Federation of India held in Bombay House this evening.

The meeting adopted a resolution assuring "the Government of the Indian Union of the wholehearted assistance and co-operation of the interests represented by the Federation in the tasks which confront Governments, Central and Provincial, in the direction of balancing and improving the economy of the country."

Sir Vithal in the course of his speech said:

"The Central Government have given more than one indication of their desire to reach such an understanding, and it is the bounden duty of every Indian to do all he can to help them to achieve it. It is a commonplace that external and internal dangers would engulf both Dominions if they were to carry their quarrels into the post-independence era, and those who are unable or unwilling to shed their hatred and illwill are doing a great disservice to their country. The settlement reached last week between the two Governments on the financial and other problems arising out of Partition is very heartening, and it must be the prayer of millions that all other outstanding issues may soon be resolved in the same spirit of accommodation and goodwill."

COMPLEX PROBLEMS

The chairman next referred to the many and complex economic problems which have emerged from the Partition and said: "Normal trade channels have been dislocated, and the economic unity of the country, which resulted since the turn of the Century in a considerable development of its resources, has been destroyed. New frontiers have been set up, and a large part of the internal trade may some day be subjected to controls and tariff barriers. The uneven distribution of raw materials and industrial resources as between the two Dominions has also created problems which demand a solution."

While it was true that as much as 90 per cent. of the industrial capacity of the India still remained with the Indian Union, and its resources of the essential raw materials were considerable, it had to be remembered that until our food production achieved a substantial increase, India would have to depend upon Pakistan's surpluses of various foodgrains. Our dependence on Pakistan's jute and, to a lesser extent, on cotton should not also be forgotten. The disruption of the economic unity forged by the long continuance of British rule would call for many other adjustments and, altogether, it was obvious that, without a close accord between the two Dominions, the progress of both must suffer, though in varying degrees, the speaker added.

DON'T SCARE AWAY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

Sir Vithal Chandavarkar next dealt with the very controversial issue of nationalisation, and said that although there had been a good deal of irresponsible talk about the subject, it was reassuring to hear from the Finance Minister that there was need and scope for private enterprise in this country and that "it is not the policy of the Government to hamper in any way the expansion of business enterprise or the accumulation of savings likely to flow into investment." For a number of years, at least the incursion of the State into the field of industrial enterprise at this stage would be unfortunate from every point of view. "We have a tremendous leeway to make up, and the Government have neither the capacity nor the resources to undertake the development of the country on anything like the scale which is required. In the face of this it would be not only meaningless but mischievous to scare away private enterprise by threats against its existence. The economic pattern which the highly industrialised countries of the West may ultimately assume has yet to be determined, and it is wise to keep away from our door the war of ideologies which is going on in so many parts of the world," continued the speaker.

In conclusion, the speaker referred to the agricultural workers and said: "It has been a subject of legitimate criticism that the Government of the country have, in the past, concentrated their attention on industrial workers, leaving out of account the labourers on the farm, although the latter form the bulk of the population, and it is hoped that the Central and Provincial Governments will at long last make a real effort to extend the scope of labour legislation to workers and work places falling outside the narrow purview of the Factories Act."

The meeting unanimously elected Sir Homi Mody as president for the ensuing year.

Protest Against Nehru's Remarks

Mr. Ashok Mehta writes:—

"The happy results of the tripartite conference convened by the Department of Industries and Labour of the Government of India provide the best news that has come for a long time from the Capital. I take this opportunity to welcome the Industrial Truce. I hope the terms of the Truce will be implemented without delay. In that work the Socialist Party offers its wholehearted co-operation to the Government.

A specially convened meeting of the representatives of sixty trade unions in the city met to consider the observation of Pandit Nehru on the Token Strike announced for 29th instant. The meeting deplored the harsh tone of the Prime Minster's remarks. After mature consideration the unions have come to the conclusion that the token strike cannot be withdrawn.

PROTEST AGAINST ADJUDICATION MACHINERY

The token strike on the 29th instant is of a different character. Even the Industrial Truce does not effect it. The strike is primarily called to protest against the dilatory, obscurantist and partisan character of the Adjudication machinery. The workers also want to protest against the favouritism shown by the Labour Office trade unions sponsored by the Hindustan Mazdoor Sevak Sangh. These defects in the Bombay Government Labour Policy are not removed by any provision of the Industrial Truce.

SUPPORT TO STRIKE MOVE

Mr. Vithal Chaudhari, General Secretary of Bombay Iron and Steel Workers' Union (Red Flag), the Firestone Rubber Workers' Union, Bombay Soap and Oil Workers' Union (Red Flag), the Tata Oil Mills Co. Staff Union and Crompton Parkinson (Works) Ltd. Employees Union, has issued the following statement:—

"I wholeheartedly support, on behalf of the organised workers of my Unions, the decision taken by the Socialist Party Unions to strongly protest, on 29th inst., by resorting to a one-day token strike against the most inadequate, unsatisfactory and the capitalist biased machinery of adjudication and arbitration.

"An emergency meeting of the Bombay Provincial Trade Union Congress will be held on Monday, the 22nd instant at 6 P.M., at the Servants of India Society's Hall, to discuss the Protest Action against the unsatisfactory adjudication and arbitration machinery at it exists today. All Unions in the Bombay Presidency are requested to consider this announcement as the notice of the meeting and to make it a point to attend the meeting."

Delhi Postmen's Token Strike

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19 (UPI.) More than 1,500 employees of the Posts and Telegraph Department in Delhi observed a three-hour token strike today and staged demonstrations in front of the Imperial Secretariat with a view to draw the attention of the Government of their grievances. The demonstrators later waited in deputation on Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Minister for Communications regarding the implementation of the Pay Commission Report and providing them with housing facilities.

Mr. Kidwai gave a sympathetic hearing and asked them to form a small committee to bring their demands to the notice of the authorities.

The strikers resumed duties after lunch.

"INTERNATIONAL CHARTER FOR YOUTH"

An "International Charter for Youth" and a "World Association of Universities were proposed by the programme and budget commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation General Conference, which met in Mexico City Nov. 25. The Charter and Association were described as being two media by which national education systems might be helped to instruct for peace.

The Polish resolution that UNESCO "should promote the initiation of International study of barriers hampering access to education for all looking forward towards the International Charter for Youth" was unanimously adopted. It was also agreed that educational opportunities for youth should be free from distinctions of race, colour creed or sex, and that no youth should be deprived of instruction suited to his capacities by reason of financial handicap.

WORLD ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITIES

In submitting its resolution for the World Association of Universities the U.S. Delegation proposed that such grouping should be preceded by a UNESCO meeting of University authorities and Faculty leaders from all Member States. These representatives, the U.S. proposal stated, should study and report on problems of equivalents of degrees, and should promote education in international relations between Universities and closer cooperation between world Universities and UNESCO.

"TOILET"—An exhibit by Mr. S. M. Apte from the Indian Art Society's Exhibition.

HIGHLIGHTS OF BOMBAY ART SOCIETY'S ANNUAL EXHIBITION

The drastic cut in the number of entries usually selected for the screens is a depressing feature of this year's exhibition of the Bombay Art Society. It is said to have been imposed with the object of raising the standards of work, but the quality of the entries, which have gone on the screens, does not show any appreciable improvement. The exhibition has suffered shrinkage in its size, but it has not gained additional strength in return; and yet entries in a large number—627 out of 854 for the painting sections have been thrown out.

It is difficult to understand how strictness in selection was exercised. A few exhibits like floral designs of the elementary type, amateurish landscapes and ordinary paintings labelled as examples of modern art, which should have gone the way of rejects, have been retained, and 627 entries were found to have been inferior even to them.

The Bombay Art Society is known for its broad policy and fairness to every school, but this year the selections for the Western sections suggest a bias towards the socalled progressive trends. Preferential treatment to any school is likely to stifle the initiative and creative spirit on the part of young artists and to induce them to come out with art-made to order.

Indian Paintings

The strongest section in the exhibition is that of Indian paintings. In free India it should be a leading section in every exhibition. Here are some delightful exhibits which present a variety of subjects in a style that should be justly called "Indian." Mr. A. A. Raiba's "Glory of India" (135), which rightly wins a silver medal, is an impressive composition having movement and pleasing colours. His "Lullaby" (136) and "Waiting" (178), which are smaller in size, are also equally charming. Mr. K. K. Hebbar shows in "Milkmaids" (120) a typical example of his progressive art. He is also represented by one painting in the oil section.

Mr. R. R. Shah's work is singled out by the delicacy of line and finish in his "Gau Puja" (151), "Jalasinchan" (152) and "Garbo" (174). "Nagapanchami" (125) concedes to Mr. Bhanu Smart the credit of originality. The clean drawing and expression especially on the profile of one of the figures make "Toilet" (144) by Mr S M. Apte a lively impression. Additional material of interest is provided by Mrs. Cumi Dallas's "Their Co-operative Work" (116), Mr. J. A. Bablani's "Caravan" (133), Mr. Somalal Shah's "Sympathy" (161) and Mr. M. T. Pandya's "On the Well" (148) and "Sufferers" (176). The exhibits by Mr. S. D. Chavda and Kumar Mangalsinhji have been seen in their respective one-man shows.

Oil-Paintings

To the oil paintings Mr. D. J. Joshi makes a creditable contribution and gets a silver medal and the Governor's prize. "Mangal Kalash" (24) appears to be the best among his exhibits. It is remarkable for its skilful composition, grouping of figures and effective colouring. Mr. S. V. Waghulkar strikes a note of progress in his paintings, especially in "Fisher Women" (26). Lady Temple is at her best in her "Fisher Folk" (8). Mr. D. D. Dalal shows two compositions. "Tamasha" (3) and "Three Koli Women" (37) in his forceful style.

Water-Colours

The section of water colours—Western school—is weak Mr. H. A. Gade has presented a bold impression in his "The Fountain, Jubbulpore" (38) Mr. A. A. Bhonsale shows two good pictures—"Dhun" (66)—a portrait, and "Udaipur" (62). Equally noteworthy are Mr. Chandresh Prasad Saxena's "Street Corner, Dhar" (75) and Mr. P. A. Dhond's "Konkan Landscape" (76). Mr. S. M. Raza's forceful work is represented very well by his "Bori Bunder" (65) among his exhibits.

Other water colours which deserve notice are two landscapes (86 and 90) by Mr. M. J. Diwadkar, "Sunrise on Port Marmagoa" (64) by Mr. G. M. Mazaruis, "Youth" (56) by Mrs. Magda Nachman and "Gypsy Camp" (99) by Mr. M. S. Joshi.

Black and white, pastels and designs show very little of interest. However "Home and Homeless" (186) by Mr. V. S. Gurjar and three impressions (185, 188 and 190) by Mr. P. N. Bhargav will detain the visitor for a while.

Sculpture And Photographs

Sculpture shows something encouraging in a few exhibits. Mr. Karmarkar's "Asha in Hand" (294) is a beautiful piece. "Study" (278) by Miss Baimai Bhomisa is another piece of interest. Mr. D. B. Jog shows fine work in "Mother's Pride" (300). "Dejection of Arjun" (277) by Mr. D. R. Hatkar, "Shanti aur Pragati" (287) by Mr. S. D. Sathe and "Dance" (282) by Mr. V. G. Sahasrabudhe are other exhibits, which deserve special mention, because they bring something "Indian" in sculpture.

Photography is the largest section. It shows some fine examples like Mr. S. B. Tata's "The Law Giver" (233) which gets a silver medal, Mr. K. M. Moos's "Defence" (223) Mr. T. Kashinath's "Spiral Staircase" (243) and Mr. M. V. Vijayakar's "Lotus Boys" (216).

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BESAN STOCKS

Although besan is now decontrolled, the small stock of besan remaining in balance will be issued to mills and factory canteens only against their besan permit at the rate of 49 lbs. per unit per fortnight. Canteen authorities should present their besan permits to Rationing Officer, Catering Establishment Branch, Royal Institute of Science Building, Fort, Bombay, for necessary action.

F. I. A. I. EXHIBITION

Popular Demand For Extension Of Show

The Free India Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition opened by Dr. Rajendra Prasad in the beginning of this month continues to draw huge crowds every day. The daily attendance is reckoned at 15,000 on week days, 25,000 on Saturdays and over 40,000 on Sundays. The exhibition is a panoramic show of Indian products neatly arranged and tastefully decorated. Textile industry, with its printing, dyeing, carpets, shawls, silk sarees, brocades, georgettes is dominating the show. The agricultural section, cattle farm and diary products are full of instructive charts with topical appeal to the people. Lord and Lady Mountbatten made a detailed study of this section. They were surrounded by friendly crowds who raised 'Jais' and presented them with photographs of Subhas and Nehru, and gave them eatables like 'Chivda'. Mrs. Munshi the President took them through all sections, including amusement park where a number of women and children were gathered. The twinkling 'Chakra' and the main gates colourfully lit form a blaze of colours breathing a carnival spirit. In view of increasing attendance pressure is reported to have been brought on the organisers to extend the duration of the exhibition and it is likely that the authorities will readily grant an extension.

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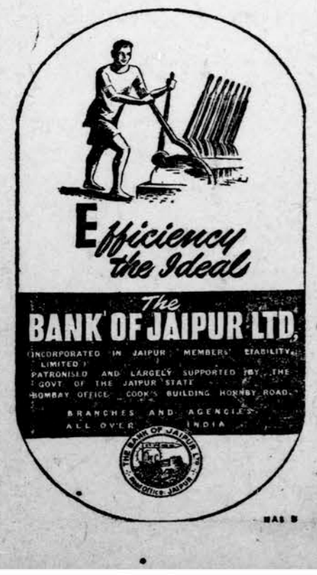
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BURHANPUR DURGAH CASE

Both Parties Claim Victory

BY SAIF F. B. TYABJI

The recently delivered judgment of the Privy Council ends a litigation which has had a chequered career of twenty seven years. The original plaintiffs, two Daudi Borahs, had brought the suit against the Mullaji Saheb making various claims relative to the Durgah at Burhanpur and to the mosques and other buildings which are appurtenant. Though the suit ostensibly related to this particular Waqf it was recognised that it would decide many wider issues which had become the subject of acute controversy between the so called "Reformist" section and the orthodox section of the Daudi Borahs. But the issues actually raised were raised in so wide a form that the purpose for which the suit was brought and the enormous expense incurred by both the parties, has been, to a very considerable extent, defeated. The two main issues were, first whether the Mullaji Saheb is the *Dai ul Mutlaq* of the Shia Ismailia Tyabia Daudis, as he claims to be, with all the powers and privileges attached to that office, or whether he was a mere Nazir or agent, and second, whether the plaintiffs had been validly ex-communicated from the Daudi Jamaat. The suit was purported to be brought by the plaintiffs on behalf of themselves and of all other persons who worshipped at the Burhanpur Durgah; but it is obvious that there can be no clear section of the community, all members of which would be on the same side in respect of both these two issues. There may be some who admit that the Mullaji Saheb was the *Dai ul Mutlaq* and may yet not have been validly ex-communicated, and who would therefore be entitled to an injunction against the Mullaji Saheb. There may be others who both deny that the Mullaji Saheb was *Dai ul Mutlaq* and also claim that their purported ex-communication is invalid. "Indeed, their Lordships have been unable to envisage any such body" of persons whom the plaintiffs could be said to have represented. The result is that the Privy Council has confined its decree to only those who were party to the appeal. The decree is not binding on any other person, and any other Daudi Borah, can bring a fresh suit against the Mullaji Saheb agitating the same questions all over again. No doubt the authority of the Privy Council judgment would discourage renewed litigation of the same point; but technically the judgment of the Privy Council is not binding on any persons who were not actually parties to the suit that has been decided.

The fact of the matter is that the plaintiffs, the so called—"Reformist" party, were a heterogenous group. There were comprised in it, first those who desired to use this suit to settle a purely religious controversy, whether *nas* had been duly performed or not in favour of Najmuddin by the 46th Dai who had died suddenly in the night of the 26th Jamadul Akhir 1256 Hirji (1840). There were others who can in a truer sense be called Reformers, namely, those who merely desired to impose a check on the arbitrary ex ercise of the power to ex communicate of the Dai and to circumscribe it within the limits of natural justice. The judgment of the Privy Council has been a defeat of the former group and a victory of the latter. This is the explanation of the curious spectacle, that has been astonishing us all, of both the appellants and the respondents celebrating the judgment of the Privy Council as a victory of their own. The matter depends on which aspect of the judgment one is more interested in.

"FOUR WISE MEN"

The judgment itself is, as may well be expected of any pronouncement of Lord Ponter, a masterpiece of lucidity and logical reasoning, and it is in the true tradition of English Jurisprudence. The courts in India have always disclaimed interfering with religious questions. They have nevertheless not hesitated to examine them, when on them turn questions as to rights of property or other civil rights. But in this judgment of the Privy Council there is developed another principle, which will not escape the attention of those interested in the development of British Indian jurisprudence. The Privy Council had as long ago as the year 1897 (Aga Mahomed Jaffer v. Koolsoom Bibi, 25 Cal. 9) declared that they "do not care to speculate on the mode in which the text quoted from the Koran" by council arguing the case "is to be reconciled with the law as laid down" by commentators of antiquity and authority. Their Lordships ruled in that case that "it would be wrong for the courts on a point of this kind to attempt to put their own construction on the Koran in opposition to the expressed rulings of commentators of great antiquity and high authority." This was said, notwithstanding that it was conceded by both sides that the ultimate fountain head of the law is the Koran, which cannot be abrogated or altered. This principle of paying heed to the views of persons of "great antiquity and high authority" laid down in the realm of law in Aga Mahomed's case, has been extended to the realm of facts in the Burhanpur Durgah case. The most important disputed fact in the Durgah case was whether Badruddin the 46th Dai had made a valid appointment of Najmuddin as his successor by the act of *nas* on whether he had died after merely having expressed an intention of doing so. It appears that, immediately after the death of Badruddin, this question had been referred to "four wise men or experts" and these experts had decided in favour of the validity of the *nas*. The Privy Council were now required to re-examine this question of fact, and their Lordships saw "no reason for differing from or criticising that finding" of the experts. Referring to the views of Walibhai, one of these wise men, the Privy Council say "after all he was an expert in the customs and beliefs of the Daudi Borahs and formed one of the four men who held the appointment to have been made with sufficient particularity. Nevertheless it must be remembered that the Privy Council "see no reason for differing from or criticising that finding" only after satisfying themselves that there was "ample evidence upon which the fact of "*Nas*" can be inferred." Presumably their Lordships would not have hesitated to differ from the view of the "four wise men" if there had been no such evidence. In this development of judicial principles the influence of the jury system of England can be traced. The opinion of the jury is binding on the judge if there is evidence on which the finding could have been based, even though a judge would have found the evidence to the contrary more cogent. But if there is no evidence at all on which the jury could have proceeded, the finding of the jury is perverse and not binding on the judge.

TWO PRINCIPLES

The portions of the judgment are a victory for the "Reformist" appellants lay down two principles. The first is that "members (of the Jamaat) can be expelled only at a meeting of the Jamaat after they have been given due warning of the fault complained of and an opportunity of amendment and after a public statement of the grounds of expulsion." The second is that though the offender "must be given a warning and an opportunity of repentance and if he fails to do so should not be ex-communicated save for reasons publicly stated in a meeting of the Jamaat" nevertheless, "the determination of what is an offence warranting an expulsion must be left to the religious sense of the head of the community acting in accordance with the usage of the sect and pronounced in a public assembly." Since these two principles were not adhered to in the case of the appellants, when they were ex-communicated, the appellants have succeeded in the Privy Council and even obtained their costs. But of what practical use these principles are going to be to the appellants or to the party whom they represent, it is difficult to see. The question as to what amounts to an offence justifying expulsion is left to the "religious sense of the head of the community" and the religious head is not likely to consider the denial of his own claim to be the *Dai ul Mutlaq* as insufficient to justify ex-communication. Hence one may reasonably expect that the surviving appellant, who made this denial in the witness box itself, will not long be permitted to remain a member of the community, though he has succeeded in obtaining a declaration that his former ex-communication was invalid.

FUTILE LITIGATION

The whole litigation, as well as the judgment, underlines the futility of carrying religious or social controversies to the law courts. Perhaps no community has been so guilty of such acts of futility as the Daudi Borah community. Many lacs of rupees have been spent on litigation over the rights and privileges of the Mullaji and yet it may be safely asserted that no single controversy has been settled with any definiteness. This is no doubt also largely due to the courts applying British Indian judical principles to Ismail concepts. The Ismaili jurisprudence grew up when the Imams were not merely religious heads but also the sovereign rulers of Egypt (the Fatimid Khalifs). The difficulties in which the present Dais find themselves are because they seek to act according to principles enunciated and applied with success by their predecessors who were sovereign rulers able to enforce their own decrees. The present Dais are not Sovereigns and have to seek the aid of other courts for enforcing their decrees. Naturally before enforcing those decrees, these other courts exact their toll by requiring that they be satisfied first that the original decrees have been passed according to the principles of natural justice. There is ample justification in the books of the Ismailis for all the claims made on behalf of the Mullaji Saheb, as is fully proved by the work of Fyzee, Ivanow and others. But these books were composed when the Imams were the rulers of an Empire and that Empire has been lost. Nevertheless the Mullaji can celebrate the fact that under the judgment of the Privy Council his decree of ex-communication will be given almost the same weight as the decrees of a foreign court and so long as they are passed complying with the procedure required by the principles of natural justice and after giving due opportunity to the offender to make amends they will be fully enforced by the courts.

I cannot end without wondering whether the ruling of the Privy Council that a member of the Jamaat can be expelled only at a meeting of the Jamaat will not defeat its own purpose. This ruling must be taken in conjunction with the refusal of the Privy Council to express any view on the power of the Mullaji to delegate the right to ex-communicate to his Amils. One wonders whether their Lordships attention was drawn to the fact that the small Daudi Borah community is distributed from Karachi to Madras and from Mombasa to Singapore. Since the Mullaji Saheb has his own residence only at Surat and Bombay, the expense of travelling and other practical considerations may make it impossible for the alleged offender to be present in response to the summons to appear at a meeting of the Jamaat, and to answer the charges made against him. The proceedings would, therefore, necessarily, be *ex-parte*. In laying emphasis on the point that the proceedings must take place at a meeting of the Jamaat their Lordships appear to have been impressed by a homily addressed to the Dais and dignatories of the sect composed about 1200 A.D. The authority of this homily is doubtful. It is certainly contrary to the general scheme of the Ismaili faith by which all power and authority flow from the Imam, and in his absence from the Dai and which does not recognise any power of the Jamaat. Such powers are more in consonance with the democratic forms of society than with the Ismaili pyramidic structure.

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HIGH COURT ADMITS CLOTH MERCHANT'S APPEAL

BOMBAY, Friday.

An appeal preferred by Mohandas Bhuramal a cloth merchant of the Mulji Jetha Market against his conviction and sentence to a year's rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 1,00,000 imposed on him by Mr. T. S. Vyas, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Police Court, Bombay, was admitted to-day by the Acting Chief Justice Mr. M. C. Chagla and Mr Justice Gajendragadkar at the Bombay High Court.

The appellant was prosecuted on the charge that on May 20 last he sold to a bogus customer a bale containing 150 saris of rationed cloth at a price higher than the fixed rate and did not issue a cash memo in respect of the sale.

The appellant submitted that the Magistrate ought to have held from the evidence that the sale negotiated by the bogus customer was in respect of one bale of hand-loom saris and not of mill-made saris.

It was further contended on behalf of the appellant that the evidence of the bogus customer was neither reliable or corroborated and that the Lower Court ought to have believed the evidence of the defence witnesses. The appellant also pleaded that the sentence was extra-ordinarily severe.

Mr. Karl J. Khandalawalla instructed by Messrs. Khanderao Laud and Co., solicitors, appeared for the appellant.

WITHDRAWAL OF DEPOSITS FROM COURTS

The Chief Presidency Magistrate, Bombay, has notified that all documents, Books of accounts and all other articles including valuables which have been deposited in the various courts of the Presidency Magistrates in the Greater Bombay Area, as exhibits or otherwise up to December 31, 1946, should be withdrawn by the parties producing them, within three months from December 17, 1947, on making the necessary application to the respective courts, failing which the above mentioned documents etc. will be disposed of either by destruction or by sale by public auction.

EMPLOYMENT OF REFUGEES

In order to help the Government of Bombay to ascertain the number of refugees employed in Bombay, the private employers are requested to inform the Chief Refugees Officer, Secretariat, Fort, Bombay, the names of the persons who have been employed by them and their respective salaries. They are also requested to intimate the Chief Refugee Officer, whenever a new refugee is appointed by any of them.

The Government of Bombay has approved of a proposal to introduce hand-spinning in the Yerawda Central Prison and has sanctioned an expenditure of Rs. 2,500 during the current financial year.

POWER TO ISSUE NEW SHARES A FIDUCIARY POWER

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhagwati)

Nanalal Zaver & another .. Plaintiffs

vs.

The Bombay Life Assurance Co. Ltd. and others. ... Defendants.

This was a suit for a declaration that the resolution of the directors of the first defendant company to issue 4596 new shares of Rs. 100/- each to be offered in the first instance to the existing shareholders at the rate of 4 new shares, for every 5 old shares at a premium of Rs. 75 per share was illegal and void because it contravened section 105C of the Companies Act and because it was not passed 'bona fide.'

The Company had a capital of Rs. 5,40,400 which was proposed to be increase to Rs. 10,00,000 by the issue of these new shares. The plaintiffs 'inter alia' contended that thte issue of the new shares was not in the interests of the company which was in a sound financial position with a life-fund of Rs. 2,75,00,000, but was proposed to be made by the majority of the directors with the object of retaining for themselves the control of the company for which a struggle had been going on. It was alleged that Sir Padampat Singhania had been purchasing these shares in large numbers through one Naval Kishore Bharatiya with a view to obtain control of the company. By December 1944 he was alleged to have purchased 2517 shares,—some of them at as high a rate as Rs. 2,000 per share.

His Lordship held that under section 105C the directors were not entitled to dispose of shares which might be left over after the existing shareholders had taken up the new shares. Though a large number of shares would be left over after allotting 4 new shares for 5 old ones, the resolution and offer of new shares made on 21st February 1945 did not contravene section 105C and were held valid by his lordship. His lordship was of opinion that the directors' power of issuing new shares was a fiduciary power which could not be exercised merely with a view to maintain their control over the company but was to be exercised in the interests of the Company itself. One of the objects of the new issue was to get more capital for the extension of its business. His Lordship considered the evidence in the case and held that he was unable to come to the conclusion that the directors had not made the issue bona fide, but had made it merely with a view to retain control of the company. His lordship therefore held that the new issue was not illegal or 'ultra vires' and dismissed the plaintiff's suit with costs.

The plaintiffs having appealed, applied for an injunction restraining the defendant-directors from proceeding with the issue of new shares. On the defendants undertaking not to issue the new shares still unissued, the Court of Appeal made no order on the application but expedited the hearing of the appeal.

HIGH COURT CLOSES

The Bombay High Court closed for the Christmas vacation on Friday and will re-open on Monday 5th January 1948.

Co-tenants Dispute Settled Amicably

BOMBAY, Dec. 19.

Two co-tenants residing in the same flat in Bombay appeared before Mr. V. K. Muranjan Presidency Magistrate this morning charging each other with harassment, mutual obstruction and for causing nuisance. One of the complaints stated that the accused had threatened "to break his head" The accused maintained that the complainant was a liar.

Mr Muranjan made sustained efforts to pour oil on the troubled waters of their relationships. He said "Gentlemen, in crowded, congested Bombay, you ought to thank your stars, you have a place to live in. Instead, you go about threatening each other. Shake hands, go home and forget all about it."

But the magistrate's admonition to the men to shake hands was not very successful. The accused said "I refuse to touch his hands. Why should I shake hands with a liar."

Further efforts on the part of the magistrate were crowned with success. The complainant and the accused, who refused to shake hands, however agreed to make "namaskar" to each other in traditional Indian style and bury the hatchet.

The case was compounded.

Fire In Hospital Compound

A fire broke out in the compound of the J. J. Hospital on Friday afternoon destroying the pandal which was under construction for the All-India Medical Conference. Mr. M. G. Pradhan, Deputy Chief Officer, went to the spot with three fire engines and estinguished the fire in half an hour.

Last British Troops Leave Delhi

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19. (API.) At a farewell parade of the last British troops to leave Delhi—the First Royal Fusiliers and Second Lancashire Regiment—Lord Mountbatten thanked them for their voluntary work in the Muslim and Non-Muslim camps in Delhi and conveyed to them message from Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister, thanking them for their voluntary work.

Later, Lord Mountbatten presented replicas of his flag to the Commanding officer.

RASHTRABHASHA EXAMINATIONS

The Secretary, Bombay Provincial Rashtrabhasha Prachar Sabha writes: "The applications forms with late fee will be accepted on 20th and 21st inst. between 3 and 6 p.m. at the Office (Place-Fellowship School Gowalia Tank) for the Rashtrabhasha Examinations; Prarambhic, Praves, Parichaya and Kovid of the Rashtrabhasha Prachar Sammiti, Wardha to be held in February 1948."

RELIEF OF KASHMIR REFUGEES

An Appeal

Mr. K. L. Katju President Kashmir Relief and Rehabilitation Fund Committee, writes as follows in the course or an appeal to the public:—

"You must be aware of the terrible havoc caused in a very large part of Kashmir by raiders from Pakistan. The raiders are being driven back, but the wounds inflicted by them on the body-politic remain and call for immediate attention. Thousands of people have been uprooted and are suffering for want of food clothing and shelter. They are concentrated in refugee camps that have sprung up in many places and live on such relief as has been arranged for them. In the city of Srinagar alone there are about 13,000 such refugees. Thousands of others are marooned in their own villages and have not the advantage of even the dole available in refugee camps. Winter has set in and death from starvation and cold will be the lot of those who do not get relief in time. Then there is the larger question of resettling these people and providing them livelihood.

The Head of the Administration, Sheikh Mohamed Abdulla, has given the question of relief and rehabilitation of these displaced people the highest priority. To this end he has set up a Committee to survey and prepare a comprehensive scheme. For implementing such a scheme large funds will be required. The Head of the Administration has set up my Committee and charged it with the duty of collecting funds both within the State and outside. The committee feels that no cause can be more sacred and more imperative than that of relieving the sufferings of people who, for no fault of theirs, have been reduced to a state of complete destitution by the wanton vandalism of inhuman raiders.

I approach you, in the name of the refugees, to make generous contributions to the Fund that has been started with the blessings of Sheikh Mohamed Abdullah. Contributions may please be sent to the Treasurer of the Fund, Mr. C. B. Kaul, Manager of the Imperial Bank of India, Srinagar Branch who will send you a formal receipt in due course."

Contraceptives

Lord Chancellor Against Man's Right Of Use

LONDON, December 18. (Reuter): The Catholic Marriage Advisory Council is "perturbed" at the decision of the House of Lords to dismiss an appeal by a husband who contended that his wife's refusal to permit marital intercourse unless he used a contraceptive amounted to wilful by her to consummate the marriage.

Mr. Fredrick Charles Baxter, a laboratory assistant, figured in the case, heard in the House of Lords yesterday. Viscount Jowitt, Lord Chancellor, spoke against Baxter's appeal, which reached the House after a court of appeal had upheld a divorce Judge's refusal to grant a decree of nullity of marriage.

Mr. J. Graham-Green, Chairman of the Catholic Marriage Advisory Council, today, told Reuter: "Our teachings and experience differ greatly from those of the learned Viscount Jowitt and five other peers who supported the woman's right to insist that her husband adopt artificial birth control methods.

"We abhor rubber appliances and other commercial goods sold to the public in thousands every week, frustrating the lives of citizens, and are perturbed by the outcome of the case in question, which may now be accepted by everyone as the answer to the question of contraception.

However, it must be remembered that the Catholic Church does not oppose natural birth control during the "safe" monthly periods in a man's life.

FORWARD TRADING IN COTTON

Govt. Accept Scheme Of Whole-Time And Sworn Surveyors

In a Press Note issued on August 11, 1947, on the recommendations of the Report of the Cabinet Committee on Forward Trading in Cotton, the Government of Bombay announced "inter alia" that while it accepted as a provisional solution the Committee's recommendation in respect of the modifications in the system of survey and arbitration, it would be prepared to accept in its place any other solution, such as that of employing whole-time paid surveyors, agreed upon, in mutual consultation, by the representatives of the East India Cotton Association and of the India Central Cotton Committee, provided such agreement was reached as early as practicable and in any case not later than January 1, 1948.

The joint discussions of the representatives of these two bodies have not, however, resulted in an agreed solution.

The Board of the East India Cotton Association was itself divided on this question, and by a majority recommended a scheme of survey and arbitration under which each party would appoint its own arbitrator from a panel of arbitrators, selected by the Board of the East India Cotton Association, but would not otherwise take any part in the proceedings.

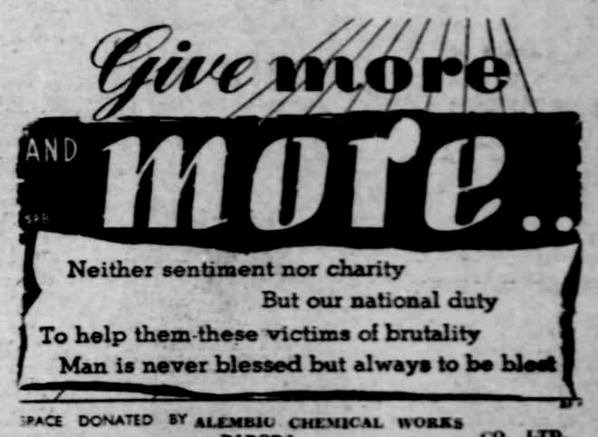
The Indian Central Cotton Committee, on the other hand, has unanimously recommended that the survey should be by the whole-time paid surveyors.

The Government has again reviewed these alternatives as well as others which have been suggested and has come to the conclusion that a scheme of paid, whole-time and sworn surveyors, which has the added advantage of being a step in the direction of the eventual establishment of a system of licensed ware-houses, would, in the circumstances, be the most appropriate solution.

This decision has been communicated to the East India Cotton Association which has been requested to take early steps to implement it.

Burma Re-Entry Certificates

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19 (API.) The Burma Government has consented to extend the period for issue of Burma re-entry certificates to holders of departure and residence certificates from December 15 to January 15, says a Press Note. Permits will be allowed issued upto this date and recipients will be reasonable opportunity of returning to Burma after that date.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Today's Engagements

PROGRESSIVE YOUTHS: Vocal music by Mr. Gajanan Watwe, today, the 20th of Dec, 1947, at 5 p.m, at the R. A. Podar College Matunga.

ADIWASI SEVA MANDAL: Annual General Meeting, B. B. R. A. Society's Durbar Hall, Town Hall, 4 p.m. today, Saturday.

BEST WORKERS' UNION: Urgent Extra-Ordinary General meeting Workers' Union at 9 p.m. today at the Marwadi Vidyalaya Hall (near Opera House) in connection with the Protest Strike, on the 19th instant.

B.B. & C.I. and G. I. P. RAILWAY Joint meeting of workers at Podar College Matunga, G. I. P. at 4 p.m. today to protest against unfavourable fixation of their scales.

ORIENTAL LIFE EMPLOYEES' UNION: Ordinary general meeting at 3-30 p.m. today in the Marwadi Vidyalaya Hall, Sandhurst Road. Speakers will speak on the Charter of Demands.

RAMNARAIN RUIA COLLEGE: Fourth lecture of the Extension Lecture Series to be delivered by Principal S. V. Dandekar on "The Future of God" in the Ruia College at 6 p.m. today.

SRI RAMAKRISHNA MISSION: Swami Sambuddhananda will deliver a lecture on vedanta philosophy at the Bazargate High School at 3-45 p.m. today.

B.P.C.C. MEETING: An ordinary meeting of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee will be held on Saturday 20th December 1947, at 6 p.m. at the Congress House.

DADAR MATUNGA AND SION ASSOCIATION. Mr. P.M. Lad, Secretary Legal Dept., Govt. of Bombay will deliver a public lecture on "Indian Culture' at Podar College Matunga at 6-00 p.m. today.

SYDENHAM COLLEGE EVENING STUDENTS' UNION: Mr. S. P. Nadkarni, will deliver a lecture at the College premises at 3 p.m. today.

BOMBAY GEOGRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION: Diwan Bahadur H. L. Kaji will deliver a lecture on "India and Pakistan" at Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Institution Opp. Charni Road Railway Station, Queens Road at 5 p.m. today.

X'MAS SALE OF HOME ARTS AND INDUSTRIES: Exhibition Sale of varieties of household and presentation articles of home industries as well as varieties of other household articles has been arranged from 24th inst. to 4th Jan. 1948, at the Sir Cowasjee Jehangir Hall.

B. P. HINDU SABHA: Public meeting at Kitte Bhandari Hall Gokhale Road (Dadar) at 9 p.m. today to mourn the death of the late Bhai Parmanandaji.

SHRI DUTTA JAYANTI: Festival will be celebrated at Shree Sadanand Ashram Talmakiwadi, Tardeo Road, from Dec. 21 to Dec. 28 both days inclusive.

HANSRAJ MORARJI PUBLIC SCHOOL: Sixth Annual Sports from 3 p.m. to 6-30 p.m. today on the school playground at Andheri. Shri Shantilal Shah, Dy. President, Bombay Legislative Council, will preside.

SHARADA MANDIR HIGH SCHOOL: Physical Education Day at 5 p.m. today on Swastik League ground under the chairmanship of Mr. Garde the Deputy Educational Inspector.

BALKAN-JI-BARI: Ordinary General meeting today (Saturday), 4 p.m. (S.T.) Fellowship School, Gowalia Tank.

ISMAIL YUSUF COLLEGE UNION: (Jogeshwari) Twelfth Inter-Collegiate Brabourne Trophy Elocution competition will be held on Sunday the 2st instant, at 4-30 p.m. in the College Hall under the presidentship of the Hon'ble Mr. V. L. Mehta, Finance Minister, Government of Bombay.

NEW ERA SCHOOL: Eighteentn Annual Games and Sports at Gowalia Tank Maidan, on Saturday the 20th December 1947 at 3-30 p.m.

PROF. BHOOJ BAL SINGH'S PHYSICAL FEATS PROGRAMME: At 9-0 p.m. at the F.I. and A.I. Exhibition, today Saturday.

BOMBAY PROVINCIAL STUDENTS' CONGRESS: A meeting of the Reception Committee will be held on Saturday the 20th December 1947 at 6 p.m. to elect the Chairman of the Reception Committee of the forthcoming Bombay Provincial Students' Congress Conference, at the office of the Congress—42 Kennedy Bridge.

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SUICIDE IN DAVID SASSOON INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

Lady Rama Rau Asks For Immediate Official Inquiry

Lady Rama Rau, President, All-India Women's Conference, writes:—

"The news item appearing in the "Bombay Chronicle" of the 13th December about a resident student, Sidaya Ramaya, of the David Sassoon Industrial School, Matunga, who committed suicide, has distressed those of us who are deeply interested in the welfare of children.

The fact that sometime ago, another student accidentally fell from the second floor of the building and died, sounds to us somewhat suspicious.

The David Sassoon Industrial School is managed by the Children's Aid Society, and only a short time ago, the Children's Aid Society was the target of adverse criticsm in the press. In view of the case of suicde, I consider it is in the public interest that an official enquiry should be held into the death of Sidaya Ramaya immediately. Instances of this nature are liable to bring the institution into disrepute and disturb the minds of those who would like the Children's Aid Society to be above criticism."

Help The Adiwasis

BOMBAY, Thursday:

"We appeal to the citizens of Bombay, a city whose greatness lies no so much in numbers and in wealth, as in its spirit of hospitality and compassion, to succour their brethren living on the very edge of Bombay and to adopt them as their own brethren", says Mr. Jehangir P. Patel, President of the Adivasi Seva Mandil, in a fervent appeal to the citizens to render help to the three hundred thousand Adivasis of Thana District.

The Adivasi Seva Mandal which is holding its annual general meeting on Saturday at the Town Hall, Bombay, has itself done yeoman work in the rehabilitation of the Adivasis and the appeal for money and men comes at a time when they are in urgent need of both.

The Mandal needs men and money and all help says, Mr. Patel, will be greatfully received by him at 51, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bombay.

MR. B. G. KHER

BOMBAY, Friday.

Mr. B. G. Kher, Prime Minister, will leave for Poona tomorrow, Saturday, night (and not in the morning, as incorrectly stated earlier).

He will return to Bombay on Monday morning.

MR. MORARJI DESAI

Mr. Morarji Desai, Home and Revenue Minister, will leave for Belgaum on Saturday evening (December 20) and return to Bombay on Tuesday morning (December 23).

U. P. PREMIER TO VISIT BOMBAY

BOMBAY, Friday: Mr. Govind Vallabh Pant, Premier of the United Provinces will arrive in Bombay on December 28 from Jhansi by air. He will be accompanied by Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay.

Mr. Pant will inaugurate the 35th session of the All-India Hindi Sahitya Sammelan the same evening and proceed to Lucknow the next day.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Governor of Bombay received Mr. V. S. Bhide and Mr. A. R. N. Davies.

His Excellency and Lady Colville met lady social workers at Bishop's House, where they were received by Mrs. Ball, and later attended a party at the Princess Victoria Mary Gymkhana where they were received by Mrs. Meher F. S. Talyarkhan, Jt. Hony. Vice-President of the Gymkhana.

Sub-Lieut. Grimwood R.N., and Midshipman Hancock, R.N., have arrived.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION: A "Memorandum" issued by the Corporation says:

There will be "no further meeting of the Corporation till 5th January 1948", unless exigencies of business require a meeting to be called in the meanwhile, in which case due notice will be given to Councillors. As already intimated to Councillors, the January Monthly Meeting of the Corporation has been fixed by His Worship the Mayor for Monday, the 5th January 1948.

FEDERATION OF BANK EMPLOYEES: General Council of the Federation which met today under the Presidentship of Mr. G. G. Mehta decided to join in the one day token strike on the 29th instant as was decided by the Labour Rally held at Kamgar Maidan on last Sunday.

Mr. Bhagwandas C. Mehta has been appointed as a member of the reconstituted Board of Physical Education.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

BOMBAY, Dec. 20, (Saturday).

244 m. (1,231 kc/s)—7-30 a.m. Geet Manthan 7-40 News (M) 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 S. V. Patwardhan (Pakhawaj) 8-45 K. T. Pandit (Vocal) 9-0 Sardarbai Karadgekar (Vocal) 12-0 Composite Programme (M) 12-45 p.m. News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 Bhavgeeten 1-25 News (H) 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Lunch Hour 4-20 B. H. Godbole (Vocal) 4-40 K. T. Pandit (Vocal) 5-0 S. V. Patwardhan (Pakhawaj) 5-15 Programme for children (G) 5-45 News (K) 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-15 V. A Kagalkar (Vocal) 6-45 Ahilyabai Karnatki (Thumri) 7-0 Gujarati Garbigeeto by Madhurika Mazumdar and Party 7-15 B. H Godbole (Vocal) 7-30 Sandeshi (H) 7-40 Musical Interlude 7-45 "Kuber" 8-0 News (M) 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Sher Khani 8-45 "Buried Treasures" Egyptian Civilisation (E) 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 B. B. C. News 9-40 Programme Parade 9-45 V. A. Kagalkar (Vocal) 10-30 Sardarbai Karadgekar (Vocal)

VARIATIONS.

41.44 m. (7.240 kc/s)—7-40 a.m. Madhur Geeto by Leelavati Garba Party 5-45 p.m. Topic of Day 5-55 Locals 6-15 Rural Listeners.

61.48 m (4,880 kc/s)—7-45 p.m. Commercial News 8-0 Gujrati Garbgeeto: by Madhurika Mazumdar and Party 8-15 Ahilyabai Karnatki (Dadra) 9 0 Sardarbai Karadgekar (Vocal) 9-30 Ahilyabai Karnatki (Tanvir Naqvi.) Naqvi.

In Today's Races:

COME AGAIN, GOLDEN MOON AND GEETA RANI'S OUTSTANDING CHANCES

(By Our Racing Correspondent.)

The wonder filly Her Majesty who has figured extremely well in her trials should carry away the Mathradas Gocuidas Cup, the attraction in today's card.

Come Again, Golden Moon and Geeta Rani possess outstanding chances in their respective events.

The following are my selections:—

1ST RACE: Come Again, 2 Padshah Begum.

2ND RACE: 1 Golden Moon, 2 Shamma.

3RD RACE: 1 Patakha, 2 St. Etienne.

4TH RACE: 1 Royal Blessings, 2 Blank Cheque.

5TH RACE: 1 Geeta Rani, 2 Patent Bid.

6TH RACE: 1 Her Majesty, 2 The Eagle.

7TH RACE: 1 Imperator, 2 Find Out if ab. M. & B.

8TH RACE: 1 Sweet Seremade, 2 Game Bid.

9TH RACE: 1 Parthian, 2 Game Bid.

CHOICE TREBLE: Come Again, Golden Moon and Geeta Rani.

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DR. GILDER VISITS HEALTH CENTRE

The free family Health Centre maintained by the GUJARAT RESEARCH SOCIETY at Khar was visited by the Hon. Dr. M.D.D. Gilder, Minister for Public Health. This Health Centre has a novel plan for preservation of health and prevention of disease, taking the whole family as a unit. It is open for medical examination to all the communities and no charge is levied for the full bodily examination which includes examination of blood and urine.

Dr. Gilder visited the rooms of the hospital and the laboratory and inspected the forms showing the results of the examination. He also discussed the suburban health problems with the members present. During the discussion, he favoured the idea of a nation-wide such organisation for the cultivation of health, in addition to the existing organisations for the treatment of sick.

AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY ORDER AMENDED

The Government of Bombay has amended the Agricultural Machinery (Control of Prices) Order, 1947 whereby (i) the landed cost of an article of agricultural machinery will now include the net price charged by the manufacturer in the country of origin, instead of by the exporter in the country concerned, and (ii) an importer or a dealer in the Bombay Province can charge his customer the transport charges and Octroi or similar local taxes actually paid by him (subject to certain maximum) in cases where the delivery is given at a place elsewhere than in Bombay City and Bombay Suburban District.

The Order has been published in the Bombay Government "Gazette" Extraordinary dated December 19, 1947.

1,80,000 TONS OF FOODGRAINS REACH BOMBAY IN 12 DAYS

BOMBAY, Dec. 19.

Arriving at the rate of about 15,000 tons daily, Bombay Port has received nearly 1,80,000 tons of imported foodgrains during the period of December 7 to December 18, 1947. These imports, meant for Bombay Province and other deficit areas in India, have been brought by 23 ships from U.S.A., Argentine, Canada, Australia and East Africa.

No rice supplies were received during this period and the imports consist of (in tons): Wheat, 46,240; Wheat Flour, 2,792; Maize, 66,843; Barley, 35,030; Milo, 28,575.

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RAINFALL IN WEST CENTRAL INDIA

All-India Weather

POONA, Dec. 19 (API.) The following is the weather summary for Friday:

Observations from Sind, Baluchistan, North-West Frontier Province and Kashmir are completely absent. But it is believed that a western disturbance is moving across north Baluchistan with a secondary probably off the Mekran-Sind Coast. Rainfall has occurred locally in West Central India, Berar, the Bombay Deccan, South Hyderabad and Malabar and at a few stations in the Central Provinces, the Konkan, north Hyderabad the Madras Deccan and the North Madras Coast.

FORECAST UNTIL 20TH EVENING:—Showers will occur locally in Kashmir, the North-West Province, the hills of the East Punjab and in the extreme South Peninsula and at a few stations in and near Central India in the Bombay Deccan and West Hyderabad and along the Kanara Coast. Scattered thunder-storms are also likely in the East and North United Provinces and the plains of the Punjab.

The following is the weather chart showing the minimum and maximum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours from November 1 and departure from normal recorded at 8 a.m. on Friday:

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Weather News For Farmers

FORECAST TILL THE MORNING OF 21-12-47:—

Thunder-showers are likely locally in Mawal, Desh, Khandesh and the Bombay Karnatak and at a few stations in the Hyderabad State, Gujarat and in Gohelwad division of Kathiawar.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT 2 DAYS:—

Rainfall will decrease in Kathiawar, Gujarat, Khandesh Mawal and Desh and increase in Central Hyderabad and Telungana.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The morrow of victory is always more perilous than its eve.

—MAZZINI.

The Bombay Chronicle

INDUSTRIAL PEACE

Industrial peace was the most vexed subject before the Industries Conference at Delhi, which had to be postponed twice owing to the absence of any agreement at the sub-committee in charge of the subject. But thanks to the strenuous efforts of Pandit Nehru, who presided over the sub-committee, and the good sense of the interests represented therein, a resolution was finally formulated which was adopted unanimously both by the sub-committee and later by the plenary Conference. The unanimity was due to some extent to the very general terms of the resolution, but in the circumstances it was something for the representatives of Government, of the employers and the various labour groups in the country to have arrived at some unanimous decision. This was possible because of the spirit of compromise displayed by all these interests, and if that spirit continues in the wider sphere of action it should be possible to give due effect to the resolution in spite of its imperfections.

To promote lasting industrial peace the resolution recommends that the fullest use should be made of statutory and other machinery for the resolution of industrial disputes and that, where it does not exist, it should be created without delay. As "prevention is always better than cure the resolution also suggests, as a first step towards improving the workers' standard of living, that immediate attention should be devoted to the problem of housing of industrial labour and that the cost of such housing should be shared in suitable proportions between the Government employers and labour, the share of labour being given in the shape of a reasonable rent. These and other recommendations, carried out by all concerned in the spirit in which they were adopted, should go a long way in ensuring better relations between employers and workers. The resolution particularly appeals to both these parties to call a truce to strikes and lockouts and to slowing down of production during the next three years. And from the trend of the speeches by the representatives of the parties we feel we can legitimately hope that at least this part of the resolution will be duly honoured by all.

Something like a test case is provided by the proposed token strikes in Bombay city and in the province of Madras. Referring to the former in his address to the Conference, Pandit Nehru not inaptly described it as "astoundingly irresponsible" as it might incite bigger conflicts. As a matter of fact the General Secretary of the Madras Provincial Trade Union Congress has suddenly called upon the workers all over the province to go on a general strike for one day in sympathy with the N. G. O. strikers. The workers in the province as a whole may know little or nothing about the justice of the N. G. O. strikers, many of whom have already returned to work. This far too common tendency to hustle numerous ignorant workers into a strike is most deplorable and brings labour organisations into discredit and must be condemned by all responsible labour leaders, particularly those who have adopted the Delhi resolution.

The success of the resolution obviously depends not only on workers and their leaders but also on the employers and the Government. On behalf of the former Sir H. P. Mody said that the resolution imposed certain principles which went against the previous convictions of the employers but in the national interest they had agreed to extend their fullest support to it. It is to be hoped all concerned will act up to the resolution in national interest. This will be a little easier if Government sets up without delay the requisite machinery suggested by the resolution. Let us hope the Industries Conference will mark the beginning of a new era of industrial prosperity and peace.

Devaluation In Russia

The fond belief entertained in certain quarters that inflation and black markets are the peculiar ailments of capitalistic society will receive a rude shock from the news released from the Mossow radio to the effect that the existing rouble currency is being withdrawn and replaced by a new issue. The ratio of exchange is not uniform. For holders of cash, in which category the biggest parties would be the speculators, who are by no means less in evidence in Russia than elsewhere, the terms offered are the most stringent, one new rouble for ten current ones. For the smaller depositor in state bank, holders of balances not exceeding 3,000 roubles, exchange is made available in full. For the rest the rate varies, being one new rouble for three old ones for the holders of loans, and two roubles of new for three roubles of old for depositors of more than three, but not more than ten thousand roubles. By this discriminatory rate of exchange not only has loose purchasing power in the hands of the Soviet rich been seriously curtailed, but an expropriation of the possessions of the better-to-do has been brought about. To check inflation and the black market—the actual words are commercial prices as distinguished from rationed prices—are the declared objectives of the new step. We are also told that the so called currency reform is a preliminary to the the termination of the rationing system. Unless, however, the supply position has materially improved, and on this score there is little reliable news coming out of Russia, the mopping off of surplus purchasing power will not materially affect the existence of high prices for consumer goods, including food, in the open market. Considering that foreign trade in Russia is an activity of the State, we are not surprised that the new issue of the rouble will not affect foreign commerce. The other countries who may be freely trading with Russia will take care to see that their terms of mutual trade are not adversely affected by the manipulations of Russian exchange. Whether the position of Russian satellites will be equally protected is more than we can say.

Frankly Speaking

State Insurance

The Workmen's State Insurance Bill, now before the Central Legislature in the Select Committee, is the first of its kind in this country and is naturally receivng serious consideration by those actively interested in such legislation. We have received from the British Information Services (India), New Delhi, a bulletin, entitled "National Insurance in Britain", which gives fairly full particulars about the recent legislation on Social Insurance in Britain. It should be helpful to those who wish to promote similar legislation in India. We have also received a booklet entitled "Notes and Comments on the Workmen's State Insurance Bill" by Manohar R. Idgunji and published by the Popular Book Depot, Bombay. It contains a summary of the Bill and detailed comments on its important provisions. It suggests several modifications of the Bill so as to make it more comprehensive and more helpful to workers. The full notes and comments will be found very serviceable by those who wish to study the subject closely.

Precarious Peace

On Thursday, Mr. Ernest Bevin gave a detailed report to the House of Commons on the failure of the Big Four Foreign Ministers' Conference. The some day Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, India's Prime Minister, addressing the Industrial Conference at New Delhi urged upon Labour and capital to give unreservedly of their best to India's urgent needs, for, among other reasons "nobody could say how long this very precarious peace in the world would last. It might break-up any moment, not any moment but say in a relatively brief time." This sums up the world situation for the common people of the world while the Big Powers, invested with the privilege of leading the world to peace and prosperity are fighting among themselves. The Western Powers complain that the conference failed because of the Soviet Union's reprehensible propaganda and its very exaggerated demands. The Soviet Union charges that it failed because it was torpedoed by anti-Soviet warmongering United States supported by Britain and France. The net result is that humanity finds itself in a world threatened with dissolution.

Bahrein And Britain

It will be recalled that the Iranian Majlis recently demanded of its Government action to secure the restoration of Bahrein to Iranian sovereignty. This does not appear to be to the liking of the British Government. And Mr. Ernest Bevin has now declared in the House of Commons that "the Sheikh of Bahrein is recognised as the Ruler of an independent State under the protection of His Majesty's Government and in special treaty relations with them. His Majesty's Government see no reason to change this status." His Majesty's Government's own recent and admirable actions make rather nonsense of Mr. Bevin's arguments. For, so were His Majesty's Government in special treaty relations with Indian States which were similarly under British protection, The Sheikh of Bahrein is vis a vis Britain in no other position than, for instance, the Nizam of Hyderabad. And is Mr. Bevin sure that Bahrein is not to Iran what Hyderabad is, as urged by the British themselves, to India?

Arabs Accept Challenge

After its 10-day Conference in Cairo, the "War Council" of the Arab League has issued a communique on behalf of the seven Arab countries which constitute it. Those, who are trying wishfully to bolster the morale of the Partitionists with the brilliant discovery that the regular armies of these States will not participate officially in the fight or that this American property and that American interest will be quite safe and unaffected, would do better to study what the communique positively says and what the consequences of it are going to be. Arabs, says the communique, will "fight against Palestine partition—a battle started by the United Nations". And that "Arabs" means all Arabs is made clear in the declaration that "the Arab League Governments are united as one man with their peoples in the struggle to defend their Arab brethren and enable them to defend themselves and achieve the independence of Palestine and its unity".

Time Yet

If any doubt remains as to the determination of the Arab League States and the nature of their contribution to the struggle, the answer is given in the warning that "the world will see that it is impossible to defeat the Arabs by force, whatever that may be." It is war in every practical sense of the word and it is an aggressive and unprovoked war forced unjustly upon the Arabs by the Partitionists. This aspect of the Partitionists' crime need not be laboured for the simple reason that no one can with any moral decency and honesty argue any democratic justification for Zionism or that millions of European Jews, who have been citizens and nationals of European countries for a millenium, have any claim to Palestine because a few thousands of their ancestral Jews lived in Palestine some twelve hundred years ago. What they are attempting is international plunder. But the point is that the Arabs, the entire Arab world will not yield to any force, that they will fight force by force and that the complacent Partitionists are not only going to fail against the Arabs but are also heading for grave international complications among themselves, which most of them had not even dreamt of. There is still time for them to retreat. Otherwise—they have had the warning of the consequences in the Cairo communique.

Our Readers' Views

"Indian National Trade Union Congress"

Sir,—I have read the article entitled 'Indian National Trade Union Congress' written by Sri Abid Ali Jafferbhai and published in your paper dated 16th December. I do not propose to reply to the general charges he has made against the All-India Trade Union Congress as they have been made parrot-like times without number, in spite of the able rejoinder given by Mr. N. M. Joshi, our General Secretary, which as yet remains unrefuted.

Mr. Abid Ali has, in the course of his article, tried to throw mud at the way in which the A.I.T.U.C. functions. He has said, "But for the undemocratic and illegitimate means which the Communists had adopted to keep the A.I.T.U.C. in their possession, the I.N.T.U.C. would not have been formed at all". To substantiate this charge Mr. Abid Ali has said that "Rashtriya Mill Mazdoor Sangh with about 20,000 membership was allowed affiliation for 2,021 members by the Communist majority". This statement of Mr. Abid Ali is completely wrong. I would like to place a few facts before the public so that it can judge for itself whether the charges made by Mr. Abid Ali are valid or false.

The Rashtriya Mill Mazdoor Sangh which was formerly called Rashtriya Girni Kamgar Sangh, applied for affiliation to the A.I.T.U.C. in the end of 1945. It was granted affiliation in April 1946. From the balance sheet submitted by the Sangh, it was found that "it had collected Rs. 549-4 as subscription at the rate of annas four per member per month." The Credentials Committee which consisted of a majority of persons who were not Communists, decided unanimously to grant it a membership of 300 on the basis of its average fully paid membership. The Sangh applied for increased membership in October 1946. This time it had changed its name into Rashtriya Mill Mazdoor Sangh. It had submitted audited statement of accounts along with its application for increased membership. It had claimed a membership of 7,429 as on 31st March, 1946. It also sent a letter in which it said that its membership on 31st August 1946 stood at 18,910, but did not submit any audited statement of accounts to prove its contention. We sent several reminders asking it to substantiate its claim, but it failed to do so.

The Credentials Committee, which had a non-Communist majority, met at New Delhi in November, 1947. It was attended amongst others by Sjt. Hariharnath Shastri, the present president of the I.N.T.U.C. The audited statement of accounts submitted by the Union showed that it had collected Rs. 6,243 at the rate of four annas per member per month. On the basis of this collection, the Committee decided unanimously to recommend to the General Council to grant it a membership of 2,021. This recommendation was unanimously adopted by the General Council.

It will be seen from the above that the statement made by Mr. Abid Ali that it was the Communist majority which decided on the membership claimed by the Rashtriya Mill Mazdoor Sangh is absolutely wrong. If the Sangh had a genuine increase in its membership, it could have certainly applied with the necessary papers even at the time of the annual session of the A.I.T.U.C. which was held in February, 1947. The very fact that it did not do so shows that it was doubtful about its claim. I may point out that Mr. Mapara, who was connected with the Union, along with several other delegates from the Union, attended the session of the A.I.T.U.C. at Calcutta. But they did not challenge the membership granted by the General Council.

Under the circumstances, it does not lie in the mouth of Mr. Abid Ali to make such wrong statements and throw mud at the A.I.T.U.C. The records dealing with these matters are in the A.I.T.U.C. office and we are prepared to prove to any one interested in the veracity of what we have said by showing these records to them.—Yours, etc.

MANEK GANDHI,
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All-India Trade Union Congress.

Age Of Consent

Sir,—Pandit Bhargava's bill to raise the Age of Consent of girls under the Indian Penal Code will be welcomed by the public. It seems highly desirable that the age-limit should be raised to 18 years for all purpose—marital as well as extra-marital.

In this civilized age and in a advanced country like India, early marriages should be strictly prohibited by Law and the age of consent of girls for all purposes should be fixed at 18 years. Similarly an amendment of the Indian Penal Code is necessary regarding the offence of adultery. Under the present law, only the male party is made an accused and punished, while the fair sex, although equally guilty of contributory willingness is allowed to go scot-free.

Is it not advisable that such guilty woman should be made a co-accused with her paramount and receive equal punishment? Why should such women be deprived of their above right when our women folk are vying for equal rights with men in other fields of life?...Yours, etc.

W. L. BORDAVEKAR.

Modern Banking In India

Retrospect And Prospect

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Modern Banking in India derives its origin and inspiration from the historic institution of indigenous bankers popularly known as "shroffs" With the advent of the British Rule in this country, joint stock banking enterprise became the pivot of the economic activity and the present day joint-stock banking enterprise was inaugurated in the latter part of the nineteenth century with the establishment of Presidency Banks in the three presidency towns. The "swadeshi" movement of 1906 and the Great War of 1914-18 sandwiched the adverse effects of the banking crisis of 1913 and the inter-war period that followed witnessed a steady progress thanks to the stimulus provided by the establishment of the Imperial Bank of India in 1921 and the Reserve Bank of India in 1935

During the second world war and the following year, Indian banking witnessed rapid growth on account of the monetary inflation, the cheap money policy vigorously pursued by Government, the growing consciousness about the benefit of the banking habit and the expansionist mood of the Indian enterprise as a whole

The country witnessed during this period the establishment of many new banks, large and small, and the strengthening of the capital structure of the old ones, and the spread of the message of banking in the interior of the country. Between September 1, 1939, and September 27, 1946, the number of scheduled banks increased from 55 to 95 and their total deposits mounted up from Rs. 236½ crores to Rs. 1,070 crores

GROWING PROFITS

Owing to the regimentation of the country's economic activity towards winning the war, private enterprise was left with very little initiative, with the result that the demand for bank finance was reduced from 44.42 per cent. of the total deposits at the beginning of the war to only 38.48 per cent. Naturally, bankers had to divert their surplus funds into Government Securities. In practice, the rising tide of the gilt-edged market helped bankers to realise large profits by way of capital appreciation of their investments in addition to the profit representing the difference between the interest from investment in Government Securities and the smaller interest paid on the deposits. Although these profits were in some cases largely taken away by the Excess Profits Tax, yet the data available upto 1945 indicates that the growing profits accruing to the banks as the result of this phenomenon helped several to raise their dividends and contributed to some extent in increasing the capital and reserves of the various classes of Indian joint-stock banks from Rs. 26.73 lakhs in 1938 to Rs. 60.40 lakhs in 1945.

EFFECTS OF DISTURBANCE

Unfortunately, however, the situation has undergone a radical change after August 1946. The dislocation in economic activity caused by the communal outburst in Bengal in August 1946 had a serious effect on Indian Banks and several non-scheduled banks had to shut their doors. The resultant effect was loss of confidence of the depositors and the whole banking structure rather became jittery. Several banks found themselves unable to recover from this shock following the continued deterioration in the political situation and the climax reached in September this year when the terrible tragedy in the Punjab forced several banks to close down their branches in that Land of the 5 Rivers and a few others had to declare moratorium. Though the rest of the country was comparatively free from this trouble, its effects on business were terrible and the banks, as the credit institutions of the country along with others. The current year's profits of most of the banks had to suffer from business recession and are consequently expected to be lower than last year's.

NEED FOR CONSOLIDATION

The main problem confronting the banks today is their profit earning capacity. The mounting cost of living has necessitated an almost geometrical increase in the administrative expenses during the past few years. On the other hand, the margin of profit on employment of funds in Government Securities has shrunk partly because of the elimination of prospects of capital gains and partly on account of the need for making provision to meet the contingency of even capital depreciation. Even in respect of lending money, banks have now got to be more cautious in view of the uncertain times lying ahead of the country. The time has, therefore, come for the banks to concentrate more on the consolidation of their position rather than on expansion.

BIG POSSIBILITIES

The great change that has come over this country on August 15 has thrown additional responsibility on bankers. Once the political dust created by the division of the country settles down, the task of reconstruction will have to be taken up by the Governments of the two Dominions in consultation with the captains of industry. So far as finance is concerned, the Governments are setting up their industrial finance corporations, but their work will have to be supplemented by banks. The time has come for starting industrial banks and those, who feel that the "deposit banking" has already captured the field, can tap this new branch of banking.

Another branch of fruitful activity, which has yet to be tapped by the Indian banking system, relates to foreign exchange business. Though India's foreign trade is worth over Rs. 540 crores every year, the bulk of it is financed by non-Indian banks, known as Exchange Banks. Only one Indian bank has a branch in London; but its experience is yet to be known. A few years ago, similar attempt had been made by another senior concern, but that venture was practically hounded out of the field by those of the institutions holding monopoly of this business at that time. The change in the country's political status may prevent the repetition of such a performance; but it seems to me that the Indian banks should jointly start an Exchange Bank, with substantial resources, to transact foreign exchange business. From the point of national prestige, such an institution is vitally necessary and its creation is overdue.

NEED FOR CAUTIOUS ADVANCE

Looking ahead, I feel that there is no cause for pessimism for Indian banking. This does not, however, mean that the achievements of the past eight years permit it to allow its optimism to run amuck. A period of continued upward trend of prosperity has virtually come to an end and the energies of both the bankers, the public and those in authority will have to be directed towards consolidation of what has been already achieved. Caution alone can be the watchword; conservation should be the keynote of administration; and efficiency and integrity must be the basis of banking practice. It is only then that banking law can achieve its objective of strengthening the banking structure. Fortunately, our central Banking institution has, under the guidance of an emient Indian, Sir Chintaman Deshmukh, played its part admirably well in shaping the face of Indian banking. The skill with which it has handled the banking problems during the past one year deserves the admiration of all. I, however think that the Reserve Bank should extend its scope in respect of re-discounting facilities by bringing industrial paper within the definition of "eligible paper" in view of the prevailing uncertainty. Furthermore, it is high time that the Bank picks up the thread it left a few years ago with a view to bringing the indigenous bankers in the fold of the hierarchy of the Indian banking system. Such a step will go a long way in strengthening the Indian banking structure and spreading the message of Indian banking to the nooks and corners of this vast country so that India's financial resources can be fully mobilised for financing the great task of making the people happier and prosperous and enabling our country to play its role as the leader of Asia.

Court Causerie

By Nestor

THE NEW LAND REQUISITION ORDINANCE

The Bombay Land Requisition Ordinance recently promulgated by the Governor of Bombay does not go further than the legislation by which we were governed during the dark years of the war. After the expiration of the Defence of India Act the power of requisitioned property no longer existed but all requisitioned property was continued subject to requisition. The new Ordinance empowers the Provincial Government not merely to continue under requisition property already subject to requisition, but also confers on that Government the power to requisition "land" (which by its definition in the Ordinance includes buildings standing on it) for any public purpose. The Ordinance contains a provision that if any premises fall vacant, the landlord must give intimation of such vacancy to the Government within seven days, and the Government is empowered to requisition vacant premises and use them for any purpose it likes. This provision will undoubtedly make it very difficult for dishonest landlords to take "pugree". A similar provision did exist with regard to certain localities in the city under the Defence of India Rules, but the power under it was generally exercised only in order to provide accommodation for those who were employed in essential services or were Government servants. The new Ordinance, though for the present it has been extended only to the city of Bombay, is applicable to the whole province of Bombay and we think it will be impossible for the Government to adjudicate on the comparative claims of lakhs of homeless people throughout the Province with any degree of fairness. The public, therefore, naturally apprehends that the new Ordinance will only be used to provide accommodation for Government servants and the lay public will be deprived of whatever little chance they had of obtaining housing accommodation. Moreover, it will not eradicate entirely the "pugree" evil for it will still be possible for dishonest landlords to obtain "pugree" by sub-letting or assigning the premises in collusion with an equally dishonest outgoing tenant and sharing the spoils with him. The definition of the term "landlord" as including "a tenant who has sub-let" does not cover the case of a tenant who sub-lets his premises for the first time. Nor does the Ordinance prohibit assignment of tenancy. The Ordinance though well-meant is not happily drafted and its enforcement for the purpose for which it has been promulgated is sure to give rise to numerous difficulties. It is difficult to say what exactly is meant by enacting that Government may requisition any land for a "public purpose". Again if "land" includes buildings as it does by its definition in the Ordinance itself, as a matter of drafting it is difficult to understand the significance of having a specific section empowering the requisition of vacant premises unless the expression "public purpose" is to be strictly construed. Moreover, it will be difficult to determine what exactly is meant by the expression "premises become vacant" in clause 4 of the new Ordinance. If a Bombay man has a furnished bungalow at a health resort or at a place of business in the mofussil which he frequents off and on, can that bungalow be said to be vacant? We do not think so.

The Ordinance confers such drastic powers as would be justified only during the emergency of a war. When the Legislature reassembles and the Ordinance expires, those powers will have to be justified before the Legislature. If shortage of housing accommodation is the only problem which this Ordinance is intended to solve, there is no better way of solving it than by Government doing all in their power to make building material available at reasonably cheap rates so that every inch of vacant land may be built upon.

TRUE STORY

A very vital typist's error has crept into a "habeas corpus" petition recently made to the High Court by a "law-abiding" citizen. The petition read, "The petitioner is a law-avoiding citizen." Shall we call it "the typist's devil?"

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PARSI INTESTATE SUCCESSION

The Act of 1939 amending the Parsi Law of Intestate Succession contained in the Succession Act has introduced an innovation which works very harshly. The new section 51 (2) allots a share to the father and mother of a male Parsi who dies intestate even when he has left children or lineal descendants surviving him. Is there any reason why the same rule should not have been applied to a female Parsi dying intestate and leaving children? Very few Parsis are aware of this new provision governing their law of succession. Nor can they imagine that such an "unnatural" provision would exist, and many a male Parsi who refrained from making a will in the belief that his offspring would automatically get all his property on his death, must, on awakening into the other world, be astonished and shocked at the state of things in the world below. We hope the old law in this respect will soon be restored.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

The Foreign Ministers' Conference on Germany and Austria was described as "a new victory of Soviet diplomacy" by the Soviet newspaper "Pravda's" special correspondent, Yuri Zhukov quoted by Moscow Radio. —Reuter.

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"We hope", said Mr. Bhabha at a London Press Conference, "in a few months to de-control food completely and be independent of the rest of the world."

Which reminds us of Gandhiji's hopes, "if", as he says, tradesmen etc. play their part, and, if, as we say, they don't misunderstand their "part."

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Mr. Bhabha regretted that some reports he had read in Britain about recent happenings in India had been "to put it mildly, grossly exaggerated."

Grossly self-satisfying to put it correctly

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Referring, in his Jaipur speech, to Hyderabad, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel said: "Muslims demand parity when Hindus are 85 per cent and Muslims 15 per cent. Responsible men should not talk like this."

But it's those who dislike responsible government that are talking like this.

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Apropos of Iran's demand re Bahrein, Mr. Ernest Bevin declared in Parliament: "The Sheikh of Bahrein is recognised as the Ruler of an independent state under the protection of His Majesty's Government and in special treaty relations."

Paramountcy is returning home by convenient stages, apparently.

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Therefore, concluded Mr. Bevin logically, "His Majesty's Government see no reason to change this status."

We have great faith in the ability of H.M.G. to change their eye-glasses soon.

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President Truman declares that with the break down of the Foreign Ministers' Conference, he would be glad to meet M. Stalin, but only in Washington.

May we attempt an intelligent anticipation? There won't be any meeting.

Of course, on the precedent of Teheran, there may be—er—Jerusalem, but it's rather subject to Ifs and Whens, isn't it?

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Complaining that Bulgaria has raised the strength of its army to four times the peace treaty, Mr. Bevin told the Commons that the Bulgarian Government had been asked for details of the present strength, but had not yet furnished them.

M. Dimitrov might well complain that Mr. Bevin was unnecessarily wasting the time of both knowing perfectly well what the answer would be.

Gunmen Kill Ten Arabs

Reprisal For Attacks On Jewish Settlement In N. Palestine

JERUSALEM, December 19. (Reuter): Killing of ten Arabs, including five children in a Northern Palestine mountain village was admitted today by Haganah, the Jewish illegal defence group, to have been a reprisal for recent attacks on Jewish settlements in the district, Jewish sources reported.

A curfew was today imposed on all Roads in the Upper Galilee District after the slaying last night in Khissa village, Safad.

One hundred armed men, believed to be Arabs, held up the crew of a Haifa-Tydda goods train this afternoon and seized 35 tons of sugar which was taken away by lorry.

Police officially reported that the ten Arabs were killed by two carloads of Jews hurling grenades and firing automatic weapons.

A Police patrol shortly after dawn found seven of the bodies in a demolished house and three others, identified as villagers from the Lebanon and Syria, in a second house.

JAMALI TO MEET BEVIN

LONDON, December 19 (Reuter): Dr. Fadil Jamali, Iraq Foreign Minister, was expected to discuss at a meeting tonight with the British Foreign Secretary Mr. Ernest Bevin, the prospects of strife in Palestine.

QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS IN PALESTINE

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19 (API): Information has been received by the Director-General of Health services that the have imposed quarantine restrictions on account of cholera against passengers from India.

INTER-DOMINION TALKS

NEW DELHI, Dec. 18. (A.P.I.): Conference of Secretariat officers of Pakistan and India met this morning and discussed a wide range of subjects, including insurance companies safe deposit vaults, savings bank deposits, post office cash certificates, exchange of prisoners, etc.

It is understood that there is a wide measure of agreement on several of these outstanding questions.

The conference will met again tomorrow after which the delegations of the two Dominions Governments will report their conclusions to respective Governments.

Sanction has been accorded by the Government of Bombay to the payment of recurring grant of Rs. 1,000 to the Bombay Presidency Adult Education Association, Bombay, during the current financial year.

Aimer Riot Stories Exaggerated

SARDAR'S STATEMENT ON SITUATION

Prompt Action Circumscribes Trouble: Adequate Measures To Protect Dargah

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19, (A.P.I.): Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Minister for Home Affairs, in a statement on the situation in Ajmer as the result of the recent disturbances says that Government hope that peace and normal conditions will soon be restored in this historic city which is a standing testimony of all that is best in Indian culture. He assures that adequate measures have been taken for the protection of the Dargah and Government will strain every effort to secure its safety.

CASUALTIES

The statement also gives the casualty figures as 55 dead and 18 injured as the result of rioting and firing by police and military.

Following is the text of the statement:—

The recent disturbances in Ajmer city and its immediate vicinity have attracted a certain amount of attention not so much on account of their intrinsic character but mostly because of the undoubted importance of the Holy City of Ajmer.

Some misapprehension of the situation also appears to exist in certain quarters where rumours or exaggerated stories have gained some credence. I have now had fairly full reports of them from Official and Non-Official sources as a result largely of personal discussions with the Chief Commissioners and two deputations from Ajmer. In order to allay these misapprehensions I feel it would be best to give to the public at large a somewhat detailed account of the various incidents.

HOW TROUBLE STARTED

After an unbroken peace since the riots of 1923, the first communal explosion in Ajmer took place on the 17th August, 1947 when a crowd of Muslims which had gathered in front of a Mosque with the ostensible purpose of creating trouble, attacked a Hindu Mahabir Dal procession.

Some bands of Muslims immediately after attacked a number of passers-by in about half a dozen Mohallas of the city resulting in 17 casualties, all Hindus with the exception of a Muslim who was dressed like a Hindu. The situation was immediately brought under control and no retaliatory attacks took place.

Nevertheless, this unprovoked attack combined with the influx of about 10,000 Muslim refugees from the neighbouring states kept the tension somewhat alive and created among the Muslim population a feeling that trouble might brew up in retaliation for the previous incident.

EVACUATION INSPIRED BY LEAGUERS

Under the inspiration of local Muslim League leadership, a deliberate plan was put into force to evacuate Muslims from Ajmer to Pakistan and active propaganda was undertaken to see that Muslim personnel in the local administration opted for Pakistan and sent their families in advance. This was in the face of attempts on the part of the local Adminlstration to explain to them that it was not open to them to exercise any option and that the Indian Dominion would retain their services if they so wished and the local Administration had no choice but to ask those who wished to leave for Pakistan to resign.

These activities not only resulted in depletions in the administrative ranks but in keeping the tension alive.

In the meantime, refugees poured from Sind in increasing numbers, at the same time the local Muslim leadership realised its mistake and a trek back from Sind, of Muslims, who had left earlier, started. This produced some uneasiness but calm still prevailed.

"GRAMOPHONE RIOT"

The local Administration maintained a strong grip and a vigilant attitude and no untoward incident took place until 5th December when peace was again disturbed over a trifying dispute on the sale of a gramophone between a Muslim and a Sindhi boy in Dargah Bazar, a Muslim locality. This resulted in injuries to three Sindhis, but this clash was followed up in other localities and shops of rival communities were attacked.

Within the course of an hour, 41 persons were injured of whom three Muslims died. Four Hindus were among the injured. Riot scheme was at once introduced and some improvement was effected in the situation.

Next day the curfew was lifted. Stray assaults again took place resulting in injuries to 16 and death of two Muslims. A Sindhi boy was also done to death.

The curfew was reimposed. On 7th December sporadic incidents took place resulting in the death of six and injury of two Muslims. On 8th Decemebr two Muslims were attacked in village near Ajmer, there were two cases of arson and one grave was desecrated.

CONSTABLE DISAPPEARS

But the gravest and most explosive incident was the disappearance of Hindu constable on duty in an exclusively Muslim locality. The constable was believed to have been done to death and a search for the body in the locality resulted not in its recovery but in a haul of two cannons, one muzzle-loading gun, one breach-loading gun and 10 swords, 4 daggers, 2 gun powder bottles and 300 percussion caps.

COLLECTIVE FINES ON BOTH COMMUNITIES

Collective fines of Rs. 75,000 and Rs. 3,000 were imposed on Hindus and Muslims respectively in different localities and immediate steps were taken to recover the amounts. Military were called out. As a result of the repressive measures adopted there was no further incident and the city was absolutely quiet during the period 9th December to 13th December except for some excitement on account of a two-day 'hartal' by the Hindus to protest against the imposition of collective fines and a most ill-timed strike by local sweepers.

CONSTABLE'S BODY TRACED

On the evening of 13th December an information furnished by some Muslims, the dead body of the constable in a mutilated condition was found buried in a Muslim graveyard and a collective fine of Rs. 10,000 was imposed on Muslims in the locality and realised.

On 14th December the body of the dead constable was taken out for cremation. It was proceeding peacefully when on the way it was stopped by a crowd of Hindus who wanted it to go via a route close to the Dargah and not by the customary route. The motives were obvious and the Chief Commissioner quite properly refused permission.

The crowd was recalcitrant and a lathi charge was made. Thereafter, the dead body was taken by the usual route and was cremated but certain mischievous elements began to indulge in arson and looting of Muslim shops in different parts of the city.

FROM MUSLIM HOUSETOPS

The area most affected was Mohalla Ghaskatla where determined fighting took place between the Hindus and Muslims. The Hindu crowd was stoned from a Muslim's house and a country-made bomb was also thrown at it from the house of a prominent Muslim Leaguer.

The police came on the scene but were also attacked by Muslims from the housetop. A bomb was thrown on a constable who died. Another constable received a gun-shot wound and subsequently died. Another Hindu was admitted in nospital with gunshot injuries.

The Chief Commissioner himself visited the scene and found intermittent firing from Muslim houses. The area was cordoned off but the inmates of the house did not surrender until the next morning when six country made bombs for firing were recovered together with many swords and daggers and one unexploded hand grenade.

From another Muslim house also stones were being thrown and shots were being fired. The police demand for surrender was met by a shot from the house. The police returned the fire and inmates surrendered. One D.B.B.L. gun and 255 cartridges were recovered. The right barrel appeared to have been used. The house was tenanted by Mirza Abdul Qadar who had already left for Kotah and the gun was found to be his property.

IN OTHER LOCALITIES

Simultaneously, looting and arson of Muslim property by refugees and local Hindus was going on in other localities. Muslim shops in Mohalla Karakka Chowk, Dhanmandi, Nala Bazar and Madar Gate were looted. Some big Muslim shops on Station and Imperial roads were attacked and burnt. A mosque was set on fire after the Pesh Imam had been murdered. Attempts were made to set fire to three other mosques. Vigorous action was taken against the looters and the police and Military fired 238 rounds, of which 40 were fired by a party led by the Chief Commissioner himself. A number of rioters were arrested and a few were shot dead. Two persons were arrested when engaged in demolishing a mosque. Most fires were put out quickly, largely due to the active measures taken by the Chief Commissioner himself. Many buildings could have been saved but the local Administration had only one fire-fighting engine at their disposal.

The night of December 14-15 passed off quietly. But on the morning of 15th Dec. a Muslim family of 5 persons was attacked and distroyed by Hindu raiders.

SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT

Four Muslims were killed while raiding a house. Four Muslims and 7 Hindus were shot down when engaged in looting. Over 100 persons were arrested for substantive offences of arson looting. On 16th December, 6 Hindus were arrested while looting some Muslim houses. The dead body of a Muslim was found on the Beawar Road. One country-made bomb was recovered from a deserted mosque. The situation had, however, shown rapid signs of improvement after the initial outburst on December 14 and the curfew was lifted on 17th December. Since the mid-day of 15th December and up to this morning no incident had happened and the city was showing signs of returning confidence

CASUALTIES

The total number of casualties since 5th December are as follows.—

	KILLED		WOUNDED	
	Hin.	Mus.	Hin.	Mus.
By Rioters	5	31	21	62
By Police Firing	1	3	—	
By Military Firing	8	7	2	2

PROMPT ACTION TELLS

There has been severe loss of property but the prompt action of the local Military and Police circumscribed the loss, the main losses being restricted to 8 big Muslim shops at Station and Imperial roads. Others were petty shops stocking books, glass oangies potatoes, coal, etc. In all 41 shops were looted and 16 burnt of which only 3 are total wrecks. Intensive efforts are being made to recover the property and to arrest of the offenders. A few truck loads of property worth thousands of rupees has already been recovered and deposited in the Kotwali.

DARGAH ESCAPES DAMAGED

I have received enquiries from in[illegible] Government and in special treaty re[illegible] all these disturbances the Dargah has escaped any damage whatsoever. I should assure its devotees everywhere that adequate measures have been taken for its protection and Government will strain every effort for it. Government also hope that peace and normal conditions will soon be restored in this historic city which enshrines anviable tradition of communal concord and which is a standing testimony of all that is best in Indian culture.

FRENCH THREAT TO THUDAUMOT

Troops Concentrate On Vietnam Resistance Area

SAIGON, Dec. 19. (Reuter): French forces in Indo-China have concentrated about 20,000 troops in a plain bordering the Cochin-China province of Thudaumot, generally well-informed Vietnam (Indo-Chinese Nationalist) sources said today.

They considered that the concentration of troops in Avea—the centre of Vietnam resistance in the South,—indicated an imminent French offensive.

French military authorities today declined to comment on the report.

The Chinese Consul-General at Saigon said the French had ordered Chinese nationals to evacuate Thudaumot.

General Nguyen Van Xuan, Prime Minister of Cochin-China left Saigon today by air for Hong Kong where he was to meet Bao Dai, the ex-Emperor of Annam who has postponed his departure for London until Wednesday.

Ghorpade Gives 10,000 For Education

SANGLI, Dec. 19 (API.) Shrimant Vinayargrao Ghorpade, Jagirdar of Ichlykaranji, has donated a sum of Rupees 10,000 to the Deccan Education Society's Willingdon College at Sangli. Mr. Ghorpade has, it understood, also agreed to be the Vice-President of the Deccan Education Society of Poona.

DEFENCE OF U. SAW

Counsel Says You Can't Hang A Man On Written Confessions

RANGOON, December 19 (Reuter): Mr. Derek Curtis Bennett, told the Burmese Assassination Tribunal today that the evidence marshalled before it had smashed the prosecution's case against pre-war Premier U. Saw in the Assassination Trial here.

Winding up the case for U. Saw, who is charged with abetment in the murder of Prime Minister Aung San and other Burmese Ministers and conspiracy to liquidate the Government, Mr Curtis Bennett declared: "My case is that U. Saw is not guilty, that he did not even know the assassinations were going to take place. He cannot be hanged on evidence brought against him by a set of written confessions."

Mr. Curtis Bennett, who flew to Rangoon from London earlier this month to defend U. Saw, reminded the tribunal of the enormous "responsibility" he was handing over to after the change of power", he said, power would be passing into Burmese hands which meant U. Saw would lose the British right of an appeal to the Privy Council—if there was to be an appeal.

"With due respect to the law as it would be administered in Free Burma after the change of power," he said, "there would be only one court (Rangoon High Court) where the case could go into in the event of a verdict of "guilty" brought against U. Saw."

Referring to the evidence given by the ex-Premier Ba Maw, and former Executive Councillor Thakin Ba Sein, Mr. Curtis Bennett pointed out "these eminent and respectable gentlemen" had testified that U. Saw's party, conducted along constitutional and moderate lines was opposed to violence and without motives for murder.

It was not a question of politics out justice that was at stake, he added.

WELCOME NEWS FOR MUSLIMS

BOMBAY, Dec. 19 (API): The declaration made by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India and Chief Regional Commissioner of Ajmer Merwara that the Dargah Sharif of Khaja Saheb Mohiuddin Chistie at Ajmer is safe has gladdened the hearts of Muslims all over India and Pakistan who were most anxious to know of the state of the Dargah Sharif since the time of recent disturbances" states Mr. Ibrahim Mistry President of the Bombay Muslim Social Workers Group in a statement.

Mr. Mistry says that the authorities have done well and acted wisely in guarding the most famous Dargah Sharif of one of the greatest Muslim Saints.

Satyagraha Bears Fruit

Janjira State Abrogates Salt Law

JANJIRA, Dec. 19. (A.P.I.): The Satyagraha campaign launched by the Janjira State Praja Parishad to back up their demand for full Responsible Government has already had one result—the State has abrogated its Salt Tax and has promised to make over the amount already collected for public welfare.

The Satyagraha was launched on December 1 when the Salt Law was broken and salt was sold by Satyagrahis all over the State.

Another aspect of the people's Satyagraha is the open violation of the laws against hunting. Inspite of the fact that large quantities of rice are lost to the State annually as a result of damage caused by wild animals, the Nawab has not removed the ban on hunting. The people, therefore, freely hunted in the forests and took out processions with the wild animals they had killed. So far about 40 Satyagrahis have been arrested.

It may be recalled that the Praja Parishad at its second conference held early this year had opposed the constitutional reforms announced by the Durbar and demanded the establishment of full Responsible Government in the State.

Lady Mountbatten Opens Central Institute Of Education

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19 (API): "During the last three months our minds have naturally been concentrated on the primary problems of saving human lives. But with the launching of this institute, the Central Government make it clear that they are not to be diverted by immediate difficulties from long-term constructive programmes, said Lady Mountbatten declaring open the Central Institute of Education here today. There could be no finer investment against the future than the establishment of an institute of this kind, she added.

BEACON FOR TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Education Minister, welcoming Lady Mountbatten, declared that the Central Institute of Education would be a research centre for solving new educational problems of the country and would be a beacon light for the training institutions of the country. Besides, it would turn out model teachers for provinces.

ARMS FIND IN POONA

Hyderabad Underground Leaders Arrested

(From Our Correspondent)

POONA, Dec. 19.

Mr. Ramachandra Govind alias Babasaheb Paranjpe described as the moving spirit behind the Hyderabad State Congress underground activity, V. B. Saudikar, R. J. Deshmukh, V. N. Haralkar, R. K. Salgaokar were arrested late last night by the Poona City Police. The arrests followed a raid carried out on the premises of Mr. R. J. Deshmukh. It is alleged that 112 cartridges, arsenic chloride, five hand grenades, three country bombs, four round bombs, one revolver, two magazines and other inflammable material were found during the raid. The police also seized some correspondence.

After the recent arms find in Poona the total number of arrests effected so far is eight.

PUDUKOTTAH ANNOUNCES REFORMS

PUDUKOTTAH, December 19 (A. P. I.): H. H. the Raja of Pudukottan has issued a proclamation in a Gazette Extraordinary published today embodying the terms of the settlement arrived at in Delhi on the constitutional reforms in the State.

The proclamation states that pending settlement of the Constituent Assembly issue the Executive Government shall vest in the Dewan who is to assist the Raja in administrative matters. On the formation of the Constituent Assembly the present Legislative Council shall be dissolved The Constituent Assembly shall function as the States Legislative Council and the Executive Government shall be carried on by a Council of three ministers chosen from among the elected members of the Assembly commanding a stable majority. The interim arrangement will continue till the inauguration of the new constitution framed by the Constituent Assembly.

STATE CONGRESS APPROVES

The Working Committee of Pudukottah State Congress has approved the terms of the settlement reached between the Raja and the State Congress at New Delhi. In view of the attainment of the objectives of the Congress the Satyagraha Committee and the Action Committee formed sometime back have been dissolved.

KURUNDWAD FOR STATE MERGER

MIRAJ, Dec. 19 (U.P.I.): "I am entirely in favour of merging States in the Indian Dominion at the earliest possible moment," said the Raja Saheb of Kurundwad in an interview.

Continuing the Raja Saheb said: "I have agreed to the formation of the United Deccan State, being under the impression that the merging of the States in the provinces was not for the present possible. With the assurance of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel to the Jamkhandi Ruler that his State could be merged in the Bombay Provinces if the people and the Ruler agree the merging has become possible even at this moment. Sardar Patel's assurance has made it quite clear that there is no difficulty whatsoever in getting these States merged in the provinces and hence I think that the rulers and the people should without any delay catch the golden opportunity of merging the States in the Indian Dominion."

INDIA GOVT. TAKES OVER KHARSWAN STATE ADMINISTRATION

Orissa Government Sends Armed Police

CUTTACK Dec. 19. (UPA): A report from Balasore says that the District Magistrate of Balasore, Mr. D.C. Das, acting under instructions from the Provincial Government and on behalf of the Government of India, left with a contingent of armed police yesterday morning to take over administration of the Kharswan and Seraikella States. It may be recalled that Rulers of both these States have signed agreements, providing for handing over of the administration of the States to the Government of India with effect from January 1 next.

The Orissa Government acting as the agent of the Government of India for taking over the administration of the States, is understood to have found it expedient to take over these States immediately in view of lawlessness prevailing there during the last few days. The Deputy Inspector General of Police is also reported to have left Balasore for Kharswan yesterday morning.

Mr. Sarangadhar Das, President of the Regional Council of the Eastern States and Mrs. Malati Choudhury also left for Kharswan yesterday.

The Balasore District Magistrate and Party are likely to take over the administration of the States formally today.

Decontrol—Dangerous Experiment

Vote At End Of Public Debate Disfavours Govt. Measure

BOMBAY, Friday.

The policy of decontrol initiated by the Government of India was the subject of a lively and interesting debate that came off in the Convocation Hall this evening. The proposition favouring decontrol, when put to the vote at the end of the debate, was lost by an overwhelming majority. Mr. A. P. Sabawala, Mayor of Bombay, presided.

DECONTROL WILL STEP UP PRODUCTION?

Mr. K. K. Shah who moved the proposition contended that control had resulted into blackmarketing and other malpractices which had demoralised and unbalanced the social fabric. Control had failed in its purpose inasmuch as prices of essential commodities had kept on soaring higher and higher in spite of control which existed only in name. Farmers had no incentive to produce. Hoarding had become rampant, and deprived the Government of a fairly substantial part of income legitimately due to them by way of income-tax. This had its adverse effect on industry also. It was due to control, said Mr. Shah, that production had gone down, and abolition of control alone would help in steping up production.

IN FOOL'S PARADISE

Opposing the proposition, Mr. A. D. Shroff warned that those who believed that a policy of gradual decontrol would step up production and elimnate blackmarket were living in fool's paradise. He apprehended that decontrol would legalise blackmarket instead of suppressing it. If food and clothing were less under control, they were bound to be lesser still under decontrol. The new experiment was a gamble on probabilities and was frought with great dangers.

DECISION BY NARROW MAJORITY

He was told by a very reliable authority, said Mr. Shroff, that the decision to decontrol was reached by a narrow majority of seven to six votes in the Indian Cabinet, and if this was true, he wondered at whose cost the Government had undertaken such a dangerous experiment, which, he was sure, would ruin many millions of lives.

Concluding Mr. Shroff warned that the inflationary spiral had already begun its work and that the common man would be completely rooted out if its progress was not checked in time. He called upon the Government to save them from that disaster.

Dr. K. A. Hamied speaking in support of the proposition cited figures to indicate that that in various places prices of essential commodities had been reduced with the implementation of the decontrol policy. He further argued that control restrained human dignity and was therefore undesirable on moral grounds.

MAHATMA'S WORD NEEDN'T SWAY GOVT.

[illegible] over this country on August 15 has thrown additional responsibility [illegible] in regard to their policy of control. Rajen Babu had admitted that it was Mahatma Gandhi who had changed the whole position. Mr. Nariman declared that in the larger interest of the country Mahatma's word should not become a deciding factor in all important issues before the Government. That way lay the real danger.

Mr Begraj Gupta Mr. G. P. Hatheesingh and Mrs Violet Alva further supported the resolution and Mr S. V. Morthy Mr. Dinker Desai and Mr. Jamnadas Mehta opposed it.

X'mas Is Here....

And soon they will be observing the festive season all over the world. Our special contributor takes a flight of fancy that girdles the earth in a single day and notes how the different peoples of the world observe the Christmas festivities.

RUSSIA'S NAMELESS CITIES

They do not yet appear on the maps. But they are all part of an ambitious plan to make the Soviet industrially the most advanced nation of the world.

DO YOU READ ALOUD?

There is an old art and new thrill in reading to the listener. Here are some tips to make you a better reader—and which, maybe, will bring you a radio assignment.

THE ARROGANT ART OF COOKING

[illegible] banking crisis of 1919 and the war period that followed witnessed a [illegible] Page. But the best cooks have always been men!

There is plenty of seasonal fare in the next issue of the

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WILL BRITAIN RECOGNISE SIAM?

LONDON, Dec. 19. (Reuter): Britain is still discussing with various interested Governments including the United States, France and, it is believed Burma and India, whether or not the new regime in Siam under Marshall Pibul Songkram should be recognised, a Foreign Office spokesman in London today.

Marshal Pibul seized power on November 8.

Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, giving this reply to a Parliamentary question today, that the Government was exchanging views and maintaining close contact with other Governments concerned in regard to this question.

No Exile Govt. Of Siam

SINGAPORE, Dec. 19. (Reuter): Pridi Panomymng, Siam's senior statesman who fled from his country when the wartime Premier, Marshal Pibul Songkram, seized power early last month, told correspondents here today that as far as he knew no exile Government was being formed outside Siam.

Aligarh Beat Allahabad

LUCKNOW, Dec. 18 (API). Aligarh defeated Allahabad by 152 runs in the Inter-varsity Cricket Championship (North Zone) match today at University grounds. Aligarh 1st innings 215 and second innings 126 (for 8): Allahabad 1st innings 82 and 2nd innings 107.

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter): British firms are sending an increasing number of representatives they intend for India and Burma to special courses on Indian commerce and industry held at the School of Oriental Studies of London University, Colonel Bartlett, the Schools Secretary said today.

DRIVE ON MUKDEN HELD UP

Chinese Nationalist Troops Stage Successful Counter-Offensive

SHANGAI, Dec. 19 (Reuter): Chinese Nationalist Forces in Manchuria have temporarily checked the drive by Communist troops on Mukden, Manchuria's biggest city, according to Government reports reaching here today.

One Nationalist report claimed today over 6,000 Communists were killed in the counter-offensive.

In the Honan Province of North-Central China, Government reports claimed that Communist forces were in general retreat. The whole section of the Lunghai Railway China's most important east-west communication system which crosses four provinces, was reported to have been cleared of Communists between Kaifeng, Capital of Honan, and Chengchow further westward.

Lawrence To Meet S. African Indians

DURBAN, Dec. 18. (Reuter): Mr. H. G. Lawrence, Minister of Justice and Social Welfare, has agreed to attend a meeting of leaders to be held in Durban on January 11, at which the Working Committee of the Natal Indian Organisation and parallel bodies from Cape Province and the Transvaal will discuss the Union's policy towards Indians.

The purpose of the conference is to end the deadlock between India and South Africa, to improve relations between Indians and Europeans in the Union and to pave the way for a Round Table Conference between the Governments of India, Pakistan and Union of South Africa.

The Transvaal will be represented by delegates from the newly formed Transvaal Indian Organisation, and delegates will also come from the Cape Indian Congress.

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FOR IMPORTING CLOTH, RAMKRISHNA NANYAR was convicted and sentenced to one day's simple imprisonment and pay a fine of Rs. 10,000 or, undergo four months' rigorous imprisonment.

CHANDUMAL CHOITRAM was convicted for unauthorised sale of rationed cloth and sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 400 or, undergo one month and eight weeks' rigorous imprisonment in default.

For unauthorised possession of and for failure to declare vegestations in and near Central India in the Bombay Deccan and West [illegible] was sentenced to pay a fine [illegible] NARAYAN KUMAR and PARMATE SHRINIVAS were convicted for importing rice and sentenced to one day's simple imprisonment each and fined Rs. 40 or, two weeks' rigorous imprisonment and Rs. 20 or, one week's simple imprisonment respectively.

For obtaining rationed cloth without a ration document, RAMSUMER RUPRAM was convicted and sentenced to one day's simple imprisonment and fined Rs. 75 or, two weeks' rigorous imprisonment in default.

RAMDAS NARSINGDAS was convicted for unauthorised possession of sugar and kerosene and sentenced to undergo two days' simple imprisonment and pay a fine of Rs. 600 or, two months' simple imprisonment, in default.

workers and their leaders but also obviously depends not only on Government

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PERSONS residing in Greater Bombay, are allowed to import foodgrains for their use into Greater Bombay from non-rationed areas of the province, on import permits which are issued on cancellation of appropriate ration coupons.

Consumers other than landlords and agriculturists are allowed to import 4 weeks' quota at a time. The application to obtain an import permit is to be made on prescribed form and submitted along with the ration cards underlying the application, to the Controller of Rationing, Royal Institute of Science Building, Fort, Bombay.

[illegible] definition in the Ordinance includes [illegible] Mr. Bhabha regretted that some revenue receipt, to prove the possession of [illegible] applicant or any member of his family, is however necessary, and should be submitted along with the application, and the ration cards underlying the application, to the Controller of Rationing, Royal Institute of Science Building, Fort, Bombay.

NOTE:—Any rationed cereal can be imported to the full extent of the total quantum for the period, on the basis of 3.1/8 Bombay Seers per week per adult on cancellation of all the coupons for that period or upto 50 p.c. of the total quantum, in which case the remaining 50 p.c. can be drawn in other rationed cereals available at the ration shop.

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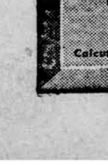
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Left: Altaf in "Woh Zamana".

Left: Begum Para in "Mehndi".

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Right: Urmilla in "Mangal Sutra".

Right: Mumtaz Shanti in "Doosri Shadi".

New West End
LIGHT COMEDY

Janak Pitcures present us with an unadulterated comedy in GHAR, GHAR, KI KAHANI.

The erstwhile clash of old morals with new, here provides scope for delightful satire, Laughs bestrew the picture as it merrily traces its way along with a youngster who tries to introduce reform, after his own fashion, into his father's home.

Directed by Balu Damania, the picture has Rajshekher in the lead, with Leela Chitnis, Hemavati and Nayampalli in support.

Inasmuch as this is pure comedy, it makes a pleasant departure from the average hotch-potch of tragi-comedies that normally clutter our screen.

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Imperial
RANJIT'S HISTORICAL

The Ranjit Studio seems to enjoy delving into history for the plots of its films. In WOH ZAMANA, the pages of Kathiawar history have been ransacked. What emerges is a complicated drama of emotional entanglements.

Cupid seems to aim his darts in rather an awry fashion. Thus a fellow called Raghunath falls for the charms of Luna, who in her turn loves Devubha, a poet. This man, however, has plighted his troth to Devubhai, a member of the Dwarka ruling family.

A mishap delays Devubhai as he wends his way to his wedding. Malubha, the bride's brother, goes in quest of the bridegroom and saves Luna from the advances of Raghunath whom he catches molesting the girl. Believed dead, Raghunath escapes miraculously and becomes a renegade, leading the British hosts to Dwarka with a view to winning Luna as booty. Now melodrama comes into its own, with Ichhara, Raghunath's mother, giving the lead to a group of freedom fighters, against her son and his foreign allies.

The diabolic Raghunath is played by Sheikh Hussein with Altaf as Malubha and Lalita Pawar at her melodramatic best as Ichhara. The direction is by Manibhai Vyas.

Central
SUBBULAKSHMI AS MEERA

It is not surprising that the golden-voiced S. Indian singer Subbulakshmi, should enchant audiences in her role of MEERA, the poetess-saint.

The bhajans and padas of Meera predominate in importance over the story of this queen of Mewar who became a devotee of Lord Krishna, preferring heavenly to earthly glory.

Directed by Ellis R. Duncan, this picture gives Subbulakshmi's vocal talents full scope.

Lamington
NAYAN TARA'S DEBUT

Shantaram's latest discovery, Nayan Tara, makes her screen debut in Rajkamal's JEEVAN YATRA, the directorial swan-song of the late Winayak.

Characterisation more than thematic importance, contributes to the interest of the picture. The situation in which all the characters meet, is the age-old one of passengers packed in a bus, all bound on a pilgrimage. They represent a cross-section of humanity in the persons of a brigand, a philandering pandit who is an incorrigible hypocrite, a society snob, her daughter, and a woman of easy virtue. The threads of their destinies cross, and thus is woven the fabric of the story.

Yakub and Nayan Tara play the romantic leads, with fine character studies from Shanta Rin and Baburao Pendharkar.

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Opera House
MYTHOLOGY AGAIN

Prakash Pictures have reverted to mythology in their latest offering, BHAKTA DHRUV.

As a nation, we are prone to confer the halo of sainthood round most of our heroes. It is no wonder then that pictures glorifying the saints of mythology find a ready audience.

Once again we have a prince of royal blood tossing aside his prospective crown to win a heavenly diadem. Tired of the malice of his step-mother who is anxious that her own son should mount the gadi, Prince Dhruv retires to the forest, winning glory with renunciation.

Shashi Kapoor plays the title role with Shanta Rin turning in a robust performance as the jealous step-mother and Mridula enacting the role of Dhruv's real mother.

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Minerva
ERSTWHILE TRIANGLE

In Fazli Films' MEHNDI, the ancient triangle theme is enlivened by the three leading players being the glamorous Nargis and Begum Para and the youthful Karan Dewan.

Nargis here enacts the role of a poor girl, while Begum Para is her social opposite. Between the two, a remarkable friendship develops, which is not shaken even when the husband of one of them falls for the other.

Ghulam Haider's music is a feature of this film directed by Sibtain Fazli.

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Roxy
NEW PICTURE ON THURSDAY

Advance reports indicate that K. S. Daryani's DOOSRI SHADI, to be released next Thursday, teems with melodramatic situations dealing as it does with bigamy and untouchability. The director, Ram Daryani, is said to have presented the proverbial two sides to every question.

Mumtaz Shanti, Kumar, David, Gope and Ranjit Kumari constitute part of the formidable cast.

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Surya
SUCCESSFUL RETURN

The music of Madhok and the voice of Zohra in play-back, seem to have assured Jamuna Productions' RATTAN an undying popularity.

The story serves as an indictment of the orthodox custom of parents selecting their children's partners in life. Thus the heroine is forced to marry a man much older than she, while her being longs for her youthful lover, in whose arms she finally dies in a harrowing climax.

Swarnalata and Karan Dewan play the youthful lovers with Wasti in a less sympathetic part.

"SARDI" REVIEWS OUR SCREEN.

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Leela Chitnis and Prashant Pande in "Ghar, Ghar Ki Kahani".

Krishna
SHADES OF "CITY LIGHTS"

All-India Pictures' DOLI, trades on the success formula of Chaplin's "City Lights". Thus is glorified the love of a tramp for a poor blind girl. To procure funds for the recovery of her sight, the little man goes to great pains, even suffering imprisonment on the way. Released, he realises with sadness that, with her sight restored, the girl is unable to recognise in him her benefactor. Seeing her happy in the love of her doctor husband whose operation on her eyes has helped her to win her sight, the little tramp passes out of her life.

Chaplin's drunken millionaire who fails to recognise when sober the friends he makes when inebriated, also finds his way into the picture which has Sulochana Chatterji, Wasti, Madhuri and Jayant in leading roles.

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'REINFORCEMENT OF TURKISH NAVY PREMATURE'

U. S. State Department's Denial

WASHINGTON Dec. 19. (Reuter): A Turkish press report that the United States had decided to "complete and reinforce" the Turkish Navy was described as premature by the State Department today.

The Department said no decision had been made on defence equipment to be provided under the 100,000,000-dollar United States Turkey aid plan.

No naval or military supplies have been sent to Turkey, although shipments were expected to begin soon.

Considerable quantities of equipment for building strategic roads and improving port facilities have already reached Turkey under the programme.

RESPECT TO GRANTH SAHIB INSPIRES GREATER RESPECT FOR QURAN

A subedar of the Pakistan Army managed to send from Lanore a copy of Granth Sahib to a Sikh captain in Ferozepore in "such a respectful manner" that it drew from the latter profuse gratitude and a declaration that "it had induced" in him "greater respect to Quran Sharif in future."

In response to a letter from Captain M. S. Jaspal, Station Staff Officer, Ferozepore asking him to manage to send him the sacred Granth Sahib left by his relatives at Model Town. Subedar Ghulam Mohammad, Bahadur, OBI, arranged for the safe delivery of the holy book at Ferozepore through the good offices of a Muslim Captain. This occasioned correspondence between them and the Captain wrote to the Subedar, "I am deeply thankful to you for sending me the Granth Sahib so respectfully to us. When I saw the Muslim officer, Captain Hussain bringing the sacred book so respectfully to my drawing room out his car it inspired me with greater respect for Quran Sharif.

The letter concluded by saying "I shall quote your and Captain Hussain's example to every one I meet here"— "Pakistan Times".

GRANT UNIFORM TERMS OF WORKING TO ALL MILLS

S.I. Mill-Owners' Plea To Central Govt.

MADURA, Dec. 18. (A. P. I.): The Southern India Mill Owners' Association, Coimbatore in a telegram to the Minister for Industdy and Supply, Government of India. The Chairman of the Textile Control Board and the President of the Indian Tariff Board requests for a special inquiry by the Tariff Board on the position of the spinning mills under the standardization scheme. The Association prays for equal terms of working and profit basis and margin for all mills in India alike whether spinning or weaving.

The telegram says: "Weaving mills under the stndardisation scheme are placed at a more advantageous position compared to purely spinning mills thus adversely affecting the mills in the South which are mostly spinning units. Reduction of price of yarn is two annas on fine and ten and half annas on superfine counts while it is only one anna for fine cloth and three annas for super-fine cloth. Besides weaving mills enjoy other favourable rates for bleaching and dyeing which do not exist in spinning units. The mills in the South will, therefore, have to incur heavy losses even under the standardisation scheme".

Higher Rent For Food Wasters Suggested

PALMETTO, FLORIDA. (Reuter): A Palmetto landlord has threatened to raise the rent of any tenant he catches wasting food.

The landlord, Mr. T. F. Taylor, owner of a block of flats, in a letter to the press said if tenants could afford to buy good food and throw it away they could afford to pay more rent.

"In view of the appalling waste of good food in our garbage cans while the rest of the world is halfstarved I would suggest garbage collectors report food wasters to the city council for some action and that apartment managers keep a close watch on the contents of their tenants' garbage cans," he said.

TEACHING OF GUJARATI

College Professors' Plea For Framing Of Better Courses Of Studies

A conference of the College Professors teaching Gujarati in the University of Bombay, was held recently at Anand.

The Conference felt that the courses for Gujarati framed by the Board of Studies and adopted by the University from time to time have been found unsatisfactory both in general outlines as also in detailed selection of text-books.

The conference appealed for a provision through statutory changes if necessary, whereby not less than half the mebers of the Board of Studies for this subjec should com from those actually teaching Gujarati in the Colleges affiliated to the University.

The conference also protested against the innovation whereby the Bombay University has reduced the question papers of 100 marks in those languages for the first year Arts and Inter Arts courses to papers of 50 marks only. The conference urged for the immediate adoption of 100 marks papers in Gujarati for the First Year and Inter Arts courses.

The courses in Gujarati for the commerce colleges of the Bombay University were the subject of another resolution The conference felt that the courses were educationally both incomplete and unsatisfactory. The conference recommended such a revision of the courses through the co-operation of available institutions and experts as would result in producing more enlightened and efficient commerce graduates through the necessary study of Gujarati Language and Literature.

HARIJAN CONFERENCE IN BOMBAY ON DEC. 28

CALCUTTA, Dec. 18 (A. P. I.): The All-India Harijan League Conference will be held in Bombay on December 28 under the presidentship of Mr Hem Chandra Naskar Minister for Agriculture, Forest and Fisheries West Bengal.

The President-elect will leave for Bombay on December 25. During his stay in Bombay Mr. Naskar will examine the milk supply, land reclamation and social conservation schemes of the Bombay Government and also visit the Agricultural College at Poona.

He is expected to be back in Calcutta on January 2.

George Brent Weds.

YUMA (Aritona) Dec. 18, (Reuter): George Brent, 63-year-old Irish born film star was married here today to Miss Janet Micheals, San Francisco girl aged 27.

It was Brent's fourth marriage his former wives were actresses Ruth Chatterton, Constance Worth and Ann Sheridan.

Hollywood "Scooped" On Columbus Picture

NEW YORK. (Reuter): News that Frederic March is to go to England next spring to play the lead in a picture based on the life of Christopher Columbus has brought a rap over the knuckles for the Hollywood studios who have allowed themselves to be "scooped".

The picture is to be made by J. Arthur Rank in Britain.

The irate comment of Erskine Johnson in the "New York World Telegram" is: "Christopher Columbus discovered America. Hollywood, believed it or not, is in America. Yet Hollywood sits by and lets one of the most dramatic stories of history slip through its fingers.

"Britain will make the story of Columbus while Hollywood fights over who will be the first to make the story of Al Capone. It should never have happened. Hollywood is asleep at the switch. The story should have come out of Hollywood—not J. Arthur Rank's studios in Britain."

Rumania To Take Over Private Shares In Bank

BUCHAREST, Dec. 18 (UPA). The Cabinet Commission for Economic Recovery and Currency Stabilization announced today that the Ruamnian Government was taking over all privately owned shares in the Sovrombank, which would henceforth belong jointly to Rumania and the Soviet Governments.

The bank is one of six mixed corporations established in 1946 with 50 per cent owned by the State and 50 per cent by private Rumanian companies. The other five companies were not affected by the new decision. There was no indication whether any similar measure is under consideration for them.

Rumania To Recognize "Lay" Lawyers

BUCHAREST. (Reuter): Rumanian citizens other than professional advocates will have the right to represent and defend people before the law, under a Bill to be introduced by the Rumanian minister of Justice, Bucharest radio said.

Membership of the College of Advocates which is to replace the advocates Chamber, will be determined by the Ministry of Justice and those who have shown an "anti-democratic attitude" will be debarred.

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PAKISTAN TO REMAIN IN COMMONWEALTH?

Jinnah's Interview

KARACHI, Dec. 19. (A. P. I.): The Governor-General of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammed Ali Jinnah in an interview here today referring to the future relations between Great Britain and Pakistan said that the Pakistan Constituent Assembly would decide whether Pakistan was to remain in the British Commonwealth of Nations or not.

"But personally I have no doubt that Pakistan will be ready to stay in the Commonwealth as a willing member.

KASHMIR

On the question of Kashmir, the Quaid-e-Azam said that it was a grave issue and he would refrain from making any statement at this stage as talks were going on between the Prime Minister of India and the Prime Minister of Pakistan.

Asked whether the Muslim League of Pakistan would eventually transform itself into a national organisation open to members of all religious communities, the Quaid-e-Azam said: "The time has not yet come for a national organisation of that kind. The Muslims have only just won their own Muslim homeland, and they have still to build a structure that will suit the conditions and developments that will take place. But the decision to form a purely Muslim organisation in Pakistan is not irrevocable.

PALESTINE

Referring to the partition of Palestine Mr. Jinnah said that it was unjust and cruel decision of the United Nations; the Muslims of the sub-continent he said, "are obviously reluctant to antagonise the United States, or any other country but our sense of justice obliges us to help the Arab cause in Palestine in every way that is open to us".

Mr. Jinnah said that His Majesty's Government in Great Britain had not pursued with more resoluteness their efforts to find a just and honourable solution of the Palestine problem. "With greater persistence His Majesty's Government might have been more successful than the United Nations".

NO ORDINANCE AGAINST HARIJAN MIGRATION TO INDIA

Pakistan Denies Report

LAHORE, Dec. 18. (A. P. I.): The Pakistan Government denied today a press report that "under an essential services ordinance of Pakistan" the Harijans are not allowed to migrate to India and have been even forcibly tied to their mobs". A press note said there is no such ordinance in force and Harijans are not prevented in any way from leaving Pakistan".

Pakistan Journalists' Delegation To U.S.

LAHORE, Dec. 18. (API): A delegation of four Pakistan Journalists is expected to visit the United States of America, Canada and Scandinavian countries in the first week of January for acquiring an adequate quota of newsprint for the Pakistan press.

The delegation will consist of Mr. Altaf Husain, Editor, the "Dawn", Karachi, Mr. Faiz Ahmed Faiz, Editor, "the Pakistan Times", Lahore, Mr. Hamid Nizami, Editor "the Daily Nawai-Waqt" and Maulana Akhtar Ali Khan, Editor the "Daily Zamindar" of Lahore.

SIDHVA DISQUALIFIED

KARACHI, Dec. 18 (API): The Government of Sind, it is understood, has decided to disqualify Mr. R. K. Sidhva to be the Member of the Sind Legislative Assembly as he, being a resident of Pakistan, continues to be a member of the Indian Constituent Assembly.

RUMANIAN-YUGOSLAV TREATY SIGNED

BUCHAREST, Dec. 19, (U.P.A.): Rumania and Yugoslavia today signed a "friendship, co-operation and mutual aid" pact which Marshal Tito asserted was designed "to fight imperialism under the leadership of the Soviet Union".

Anglo-Yugoslav Trade Talks Deadlock?

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter). After an eleven-hour meeting between British and Yugoslav trade delegations which lasted until 4 a.m. (G.M.T.) (9/30 a.m. I. S. T.) today, the British Board of Trade announced that no agreement had been reached, but that new proposals had been sent to the Yugoslav Government.

A Board of Trade statement said British Trade Minister Harold Wilson "submitted a revised form of agreement on the minor points of difficulty. The Yugoslav presentatives said that this proposal presented a new basis for agreement and that they would like to consider it and to consult their Government."

U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL AND VETO ISSUE

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 19 (UPA): The Security Council by 9 to 5 agreed to discuss the Big Five veto issue next year, but only after Russia gave notice that such consideration would "waste time" while the United States advised against rushing into a controversy.

Poland and Russia opposed discussion.

ANGLO-SOVIET TRADE PACT

MOSCOW, Dec. 19 (Reuter): The Anglo-Soviet Trade Agreement is expected to be ready for signature early next week, according to informed British sources here today.

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Benares Girl Students On Hunger-Strike

BANARES, Dec. 19 (API): Four girl students of the Women's College of the Benares Hindu University have gone on hunger strike since yesterday. They demand that Dr S. Radhakrishnan should continue as Vice-Chancellor of the University.

Many girl students abstained from attending classes in Women's College.

She Likes Nehru's Coat

MADRAS, Dec. 19 A.P.I.): The pattern of dress generally worn by India's Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, was very much commended by a Muslim League Woman Member in the Madras Assembly today.

Mrs. Begum Mir Amiruddin asked a question in the House whether Government contemplated any proposal to prescribe a uniform for Officials and non-Officials to be worn by them during ceremonial occasions.

Mr. O. P. Ramaswami Reddiar, the Premier, replied there was no such proposal at present, but if good suggestions were forthcoming, Government would be glad to consider them.

The Woman Member asked whether Government would prescribe the pattern of dress generally worn by Pandit Nehru consisting of a long overcoat to their subordinates so that it could add to the dignity of the ceremonial functions of the State (laughter.)

"The suggestions will be considered", the Premier replied.

Three Killed In Bohemian City Explosion

PRAGUE, Dec. 19. (APA): Prague papers reported today that at least three persons were killed and nine seriously injured today by an explosion which destroyed the Municipal Garage in the Bohemian city of Hradec Kralov (Koennigretz).

A fourth person was reported missing and presumed dead and a "very large number were slightly injured.

The press reports said the explosion occurred during the filling of a pressure gas cylinder.

Property damage was estimated at more than 20,000,000, crowns (400,000 dollars).

Republican Opposition To Marshall Plan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (Reuter): Republican opposition to the Marshall Plan, as submitted to Congress developed tonight when tthe Party's Steering Committee in the House of Representatives disclosed that a majority of the Committee would insist on holding yearly aid to 4,000,000,000 dollars.

It was reported that the Republicans had drawn up a complete bill calling for such a limit on the funds, and amending the scheme offered by the Administration. A vote in the Steering Committee, on the drafting of a bill do not, however mean that all Republicans in both Chambers should necessarily oppose President Truman's programme. It does mean, though, that a strong body of Congressional opinion supports 4,000 million dollar limit "orignally proposed by the Senate Republican leader Robert Taft—and will press hard for it.

The Republican proposal, it was understood, would also ask:

Firstly, turn over the job of financing public works and major capital enterprises to the World Bank.

Secondly, start the plan on a one-year trial, without committing Congress on a four and a quarter years period.

Thirdly, create a bi-partisan Government Corporation, responsible equally to Congress and the President, instead of a single administrator as proposed by President Truman.

MYSTERY PLANES OVER GILGIT

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Kashmir for a fortnight as an observer. "The war in Kashmir", he said, "is a war for Indian nationalism and democracy. Our troops are well equipped and there is no doubt the enemy will be very soon driven out of Kashmir. Our troops are obviously conscious that they are fighting the battle of free India".

Referring to the political revolution in Kashmir brought on by the invaders' activities, Mr. Patwardhan paid glowing tributes to Sheikh Abdullah's genius as a born leader saying that "Sheikh Abdullah has brought a miracle in Kashmir. When the whole of the Punjab and the N.W.F.P. were blazing with communal hatred and fury and men had gone mad, in this Valley Sheikh Abdullah aloft the banner of Indian nationalism, community and secular State. Pandit Nehru and Sheikh Abdullah are the makers of the India of tomorrow".

DAILY OFFENSIVE PATROLS

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19 (API): Indian Army patrols despite bad weather are on daily offensive patrols in the Poonch, Mirpur and Akhnoor belt and have inflicted a large number of casualties on the raiders. According to a Military spokesman here. He said that since the beginning of the operations on October 27 in the Srinagar Valley to date Indian Army casualties are killed 141 and wounded 193.

Estimates of the casualties of the raiders who have been killed or wounded and about whom authentic information is available are twenty times of the Indian Army casualties. Indian Army troops operating in Kashmir and Jammu include Kumaonis, Madrasis, Mahratas, Mahars, Rajputs, Jats and Dogras, there are Muslim officers and men too in the various units. The morale of the troops is very high and troops stationed in the East Punjab have put in petitions through their commanding officers to allow them to go to Jammu.

AKHNOOR FORMS THE BASE

Akhnoor which is south of Jammu and which is 7 miles north of the Pakistan border is held by our forces and daily offensive patrols are being sent out from this place. Poonch itself is held by us even though raiders are milling round the area. The once beleaguered State-garrison in Poonch built up an air strip and during the last 5 days aircraft of the RIAF has flown 73 sorties and transported 200 tons of foodstuffs. Air Vice-Marshall Mookherjee and Major General Kulwant Singh visited Poonch recently and daily offensive patrols are also being sent out from there.

RAIDERS IN BATTLE DRESS

The strength of the raiders is not known but it generally believed that they now operate in the region between Palandari-Mirpur and Bhimbar. Many gangs of raiders were seen in uniforms-battle-dress and great coats and steel helmets. Some who were encountered wore black safas (turbans) of the Frontier Militia, besides tribesmen and a number of ex-servicemen from the West Punjab. It is known that the raiders include a number of "deserters" of the Pakistan Armed Forces. Indian Army troops have captured 23 prisoners.

PILLAGE AND PLUNDER

It is emphasised that beyond offensive patrols no major push has yet started. This is because there is no specific objective to be reached. The raiders too are not attempting any push but are confirming their activities to sniping, others are engaged in pillage and plunder of those villages still left intact. On the operations of these raiders.

The spokesman said that according to a tribesman prisoner the raiders first sent out parties of youngmen who terrorised the villages, drove away the population and moved down to the next village. The older among the raiders followed to carry away the loot. A third party did the job of completely destroying the villages. It was estimated that since the raiders' invasion began something like 5,000 women have been abducted from the Mirpur District.

MINOR CLASHES

Defence Ministry Communique on Kashmir tonight said, "An Indian Army patrol in the Uri area encountered a band of raiders and engaged them with artillery and mortars inflicting casualties.

"Six raiders were killed and twelve wounded when one of our patrols fired on a gang of raiders some distance from Poonch. Our artillery engaged a concentration of raiders of more than 100 strong in the same area and inflicted casualties, 40 killed and wounded.

It is now known that in the Chhamb area where our troops repulsed a raiders attack on December 13. fifty raiders were killed and wounded.

Our troops frustrated an attempt made by raiders to infiltrate north-east of Naushera.

Royal Indian Air Force aircraft carried out reconnaissance and flew several sorties carrying supplies".

RANDIR DESAI TO BE ELECTED UNOPPOSED

SURAT, Dec. 19, (A.P.I.): Mr. Randir Desai, the Congress candidate for the seat vacated by Mr Mangaldas Pakwasa in the Bombay Legislative Council will be elected unopposed.

Today was the last day for the submission of nomination papers and there was no other paper filed with the Returning Officer, the Collector of Broach. Mr. Desai will be declared elected after two days.

PROVISIONAL GOVT. FOR WEST JAVA

BATAVIA, Dec. 19 (Reuter). A conference of Indonesians from West Java today adopted a resolution to form a Provisional West Java Government, according to a Dutch report from Bandoeng.

OSMANIA SCORES 228 FOR EIGHT

HYDERABAD (Dn). Dec. 19 (API.) Osmania University scored 228 runs for loss of eight wickets in their first innings against Ceylon University today, the fifty day of the South Zone Inter-University Cricket Tournament match held on the Osmania University grounds.

Raiders Suffer Heavy Casualties In Poonch Area

JAMMU, December 18, (A.P.I.): Frustrated in their endeavour to dislodge Indian troops from their established positions at Uri, the raiders are believed to be turning their attention to Poonch, reinforcing their men in the vicinity of Poonch.

Two days ago, groups of raiders launched an attack on Poonch with mortars, mountain guns, and light and medium machine-guns. The attack began late in the afternoon on December 16 and went on until the early hours of next morning. Heavy casualties, yet unestimated, were inflicted on the raiders. Five Indian soldiers were wounded.

Small parties of tribesmen are reported to be moving towards Poonch down at Uri-Poonch road, possibly to reinforce the raiders in the areas adjoining Poonch. Royal Indian Air Force fighters shot up some of the parties.

Reinforcements of the raiders are also moving down the Domel-Uri Road. Out of a group of six lorries sighted along the road, three were shelled by Indian artillery.

Snipers have again been active west of Uri in Kalgai. Thirty of them have been killed by Indian artillery.

In the Jahngar-Noashera area, Indian troops on offensive patrols, met small groups of raiders.

Since the attempt two days ago to set up road blocks, no further organised opposition has been encountered on the main road but road blocks have been observed along the road to Bhimber southwards. Muslims from the neighbouring areas such as Beri Pattan are being evacuated, it is reported, by Pathan raiders operating in the area.

In the Devbatala area, small groups of raiders were engaged by Indian troops who cleared the road blocks set up by these groups.

ABDULLA IN JAMMU

JAMMU, December 18, (A.P.I.). Sheikh Abdulla, head of the Emergency Administration, arrived here by air from Srinagar. After two days stay here he will proceed to Delhi to meet Pandit Nehru and Sardar Patel.

He will be accompanied by Bakshi Gulam Mohamed.

EUROPEAN RECOVERY PROGRAMME

Truman's Plea To Congress For Approval

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19, (Reuter): President Truman today asked Congress to approve a 17,000,000,000 dollar 4-1/4-year European Recovery Programme to avert a "shattering blow to peace and stability in the world" that would result from the world's collapse into totalitarianism.

He requested a specific appropriation of 6,800,000,000 dollars for the first 15 months of the programme, starting on April 1, 1948.

He declared: "European recovery is essential to the maintainance of the civilisation in which the American way of life is rooted."

He warned: "We must not be blind to the fact that the Communists have announced their determined opposition to any effort to help get Europe back on its feet.

"There will, unquestionably, be further incitements to strike—not for the purpose of redressing legitimate grievances of particular groups, but for the purpose of bringing chaos, in the hope that it will pave the way for totalitarian control."

Mr. Truman did not say how the funds would be distributed.

It was understood that these figures will be disclosed when Committee hearings open on the programme at the regular session of Congress in January.

The President said the "Plan's total cost, though large, will be only about five per cent of our effort in the recent war.

It will cost less than three per cent of our national income during the life of the programme."

He did not ask for any funds for monetary stabilisation, for which the Paris report requested 3,000,000,000 dollars (£750,000,000).

INDORE THROWS OPEN TEMPLES TO HARIJANS

INDORE, Dec. 19 (UPI): The Indore Legislative Council passed today the Removal Harijans' Social Disabilities Bill, sponsored by the Government. By the passage of this Bill all temples and other private places have been thrown open to the Harijans.

'SAVE THE FRANCE' MEASURES IN FRENCH ASSEMBLY

PARIS, Dec. 19 (Reuter): New economic and financial measures to "save the France" by fighting inflation were presented to the French National Assembly tonight by Finance Minister, M. Rene Mayer.

U.S. SENATE APPROVES AID BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (Reuter): Stop gap Aid of 568 million dollars was approved by the United States Senate tonight and the Bill will now be returned to a Joint Senate House Conference Committee for final reconciliation of differences. The Senate approved 550 million dollars for France Italy and Austria, and 18,000,000 dollars for China, while the House previously voted 509 million for only three European nations, and nothing for China. The administration had asked for 597 million dollars for all the European nations.

MADRAS DECONTROLS GRAM

MADRAS, Dec. 19 (A.P.I.): In pursuance of the decision of the Government of India not to have any basic plan for gram, the Madras Government have decided to decontrol Bengal gram and its products with immediate effect, says a press note.

DREW PEARSON GETS FRENCH HONOUR

PARIS, Dec. 19 (UPA). The American newspaper columnist and radio commentator, Drew Pearson, organiser of the "Friendship Train," was awarded the Legion of Honour Cross by the French Government today.

BOMBAY BANS "DAWN" AND TWO OTHER KARACHI PAPERS

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by the Director of Publicity, Government of Bombay, tonight.

The Communique adds: "The police fired eight rounds to stop stone-throwing; a girl was injured in the firing."

POLICE FIRING ON THURSDAY

"A fatal stabbing incident occured in Kurla a suburb of Bombay after midnight of Thursday," says a Press note issued by the Director of Publicity, Government of Bombay, this afternoon.

The Press Note adds: "The police fired nineteen rounds to stop stone throwing at a procession in Kurla late last night. There were no casualties due to the firing but three policemen were slightly injured while restoring order."

CURFEW IMPOSED

The Commissioner of Police today imposed an 11-hour curfew from 8 p.m. today to 7 a.m. tomorrow, on an area in the suburb of Kurla, affected by last night's disturbances.

The curfew area is bounded by and inclusive of the area to the West of G.I.P. Railway Line bounded by New Agra Road (exclusive), from its junction on the North with Old Agra Road (inclusive), along C. S. Railway track, Pipe Road (inclusive) and Station Road (inclusive).

TRANSMITTERS WHICH SENT NEWS TO PAKISTAN

CALCUTTA, Dec. 19 (A.P.I.): Three complete sets of transmitting apparatus and other articles were seized by the Calcutta police following a raid on a house in Chitpore area of the city today.

The police are also reported to have taken possession of certain evidence suggesting smuggling of arms from Calcutta.

One of the occupants of the house was arrested in this connection.

U. P. I. adds:

The police alleged that the transmitters were beaming messages to Pakistan. The owner of the house where the materials were found Mohammed Ismail was arrested. Mohammed Ismail said that he purchased them from a gun shop as scrap. The police, however found aerials hidden behind a pillar.

The sentences in the note book spoke of smuggling of five revolvers from Taltolla area, ammuntion from different villages round about Calcutta and encashment of about ten lakhs of rupees from different banks in East Bengal.

THREE KILLED IN LORRY MISHAP

Three occupants of a lorry were killed and two injured yesterday when it ran into the gate post of a level-crossing on the Grand Trunk Road between Toposi and Ondal on the East Indian Railway.

The accident caused the blocking of the Toposi branch line for a few hours.

One of the injured in the derailment of the 24 Down Goalundo passenger train yesterday near Dum Dum station, on the Sealdah section of the E.I. Railway died in hospital He was the driver of the train, Mr. C. G. Tweedie.

QUTAB ROAD BOMB EXPLOSION

New DELHI, Dec. 19 (A.P.I.): On Thursday evening a bomb exploded in a shop at Qutab Road injuring seven persons, says a press note issued by the District Magistrate, Delhi.

Subsequently there were a few stabbing incidents in various parts of the town which resulted in three deaths and injuries to five persons. All the incidents took place within a short time and by 10 p.m. the city was quite and the situation was completely under control.

31 KILLED IN SIND HYDERABAD

KARACHI, Dec. 19 (A.P.I.): The Premier of Sind Mr. Khuhro today left for Hyderabad (Sind) to study the situation.

The total number of casualties in the communal riot is officially stated to be 31 dead and 19 injured. The number of arrested persons is said to be over 200.

The dead include the President of the Tando Jam Municipality, Seth Naraindas, who along with three others was proceeding in motor car. Their motor was attacked and all the four occupants were killed. The dead also include a woman.

ARRESTED WASHERMAN AND SWEEPERS RELEASED

Twenty-five washermen and four sweepers, who were arrested under the Sind Public Safety Ordinance for trying to leave Sind without permission last week, were released by the magistrate yesterday on a plea that they were leaving Karachi only for a few days and would return back.

Dr. Vatanmal Gidwani, a prominent Sind Congress leader, who was arrested at Mirpurkhas a fortnight ago under the Sind Public Safety Ordinance, was released from the Central Prison of Hyderabad (Sind) today.

'DAWN' EDITOR'S JEEP THEFT ECHO

KARACHI, Dec. 19 (U.P.I.): Echo of the theft of the jeep, belonging to Mr. Altaf Hossain, Editor of the "Dawn", was heard today when one Abdul Hussain, with 15 previous convictions to his credit, was awarded two years' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 200 by the additional City Magistrate.

It is stated that the accused drove away the jeep while the editor was in a picture house.

TRIBESMEN LOOT SIND VILLAGE

Sixteen tribesmen on horseback, armed with swords and firearms, from the Lasbella State, crossed into Sind yesterday, pillaged Gadap in the Karachi Dstrict and looted shops They decamped with Rs. 3,000 besides three guns, ammunition and bales of cloth.

PASSENGER THROWN OUT OF RUNNING TRAIN

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, Dec. 17.

It is reported, one more incident occurred two days back of throwing out a passenger from a running train in broad day-light.

While the train was between Kotri and Bolari, about 100 miles from Karachi, some passengers of the majority community are reporting to have thrown out a member of the minority community from their compartment after looting all his belongings.

One of the passengers of the train, reported the matter to the Railway Police on alighting at Karachi City Station and showed ths two culprits responsible for the act. Police arrested both of them and recovered the looted property which was in their possession at the time of the arrest.

IN DELHI

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19 (A.P.I.): There was one case of stabbing in the Fatehpuri area. This morning a mob collected in Sadar Bazar area but was dispersed by the police. Some shops were looted in the area.

Rajen Babu's Maharashtra Tour Time-Table

POONA, December 19. (API). Dr. Rajendra Prasad's tour of Maharashtra will commence on January 14 according to schedule or programme fixed at present. From January 14 to January 23, the Congress President will tour Bombay Suburban, Colaba, Ratnagiri, Satara, Sholapur and Poona districts and from January 30 to February 5 he will cover the remaining districts in Maharashtra.

University Grants Committee Reconstituted

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19 (API): In view of the recent constitutional changes and the additional responsibility that the Central University Grants Committee will have to undertake in the co-ordinated development of University education in the country, the Government of India have reconstituted the University Grants Committee with an enlarged membership. The Rt. Hon'ble Dr. M. R. Jayakar will be the Chairman of the Committee. The Members are Mrs. Hansa Mehta, Sir S. S. Bhatnagar, Dr. M. N. Saha, Sir Homi Mody, Dr. P. Subbarayan, Dr. Zakir Husain, Mr. K. Zacharia, Member Federal Public Service Commission, and Dr. B. C. Roy. The term of appointment of the Members of the Committee is for 5 years but they will be eligible for re-appointment.

BRITAIN NEED NOT ANY FOOD GRAINS FROM U. S.

LONDON, Dec. 19, (Reuter): Britain's agreement with Australia for the purchase of 80 million bushels of wheat should enable here to avoid making requests for wheat from the United States in this crop year, Food Minister Mr. John Strachey told the House of Commons today.

PARTIAL HARTAL IN MADRAS

Response To Call Of Trade Union Congress: N.G.O.s' Strike Continues

MADRAS, Dec. 19 (UPI.) The Madras Government have instructed all heads of Departments and Lower authorities to call for explanation from all non-gazetted officers, who have failed to turn up to duty within three days from the commencement of the strike and to show cause why they should not be dismissed from service.

It has been officially stated today that there has been considerable improvement in the strike situation and that the strike may be said to be over in some of the offices in the Madras City.

In the Mofussil also, as per reports received, the situation shows considerable improvement.

In response to the call of the Provincial Trade Union Congress a partial 'hartal' was observed today by workers in sympathy with the N.G.O. strike.

Sporadic disturbances occurred in the Madras City on account of this partial 'hartal'. In a few places there has been stone throwing by crowds on buses, trams, etc. The police intervened, used tear gas and dispersed the crowds. In one place there was a mild lathi charge. The situation was brought under perfect control in the forenoon itself.

About a dozen Communists were arrested today in connection with these disturbances and on charges of defiance of the order under Section 144 Cr. P. C.

1947 COMET WILL WHIRL OVER N. HEMISPHERE AT 30 MILES PER SECOND

CAPETOWN, South Africa, Dec. 19 (UPA): "The great comet of 1947 will whirl over the northern hemisphere at a speed of 30 miles a second some time after the first of the year, Royal Astronomer John Jackson predicted today.

He said the longest of this comet's five tails was 20 million miles long and was brighter than Hellys comet last seen nearly 40 years ago.

PRESS LAWS ENQUIRY COMMITTEE

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19 (API): The Press Laws Enquiry Committee continued hearing oral evidence today. It examined Mr. J. N. Sahni on behalf of the All-India Newspaper Editors Conference, Mr. Kalipada Mukerji, Minister, Government of West Bengal, Mr. C. V. Hanumantha Rao, Director of Information and Publicity, Government of Madras, Mr. D. K. Kunte, Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, Government of Bombay and Mr. Jey Dev Gupta, a journalist from Cawnpore.

The Committee will continue its session tomorrow.

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"WANTED A COTTON POLICY FOR INDIA"

Sir Purshottamdas Pleads For Ending Era Of Haphazard Dicisions

BOMBAY, Friday.

A strong plea for the lifting of cotton control in India in the interests of the cotton growers and the mill industry was made by Sir Purushotamdas Thakurdas presiding over the twenty-sixth Annual General meeting of the East India Cotton Association today.

Criticising what he called "the vagaries of haphazard decisions in place of a well thought-out policy for cotton in India", he drew pointed attention to the confusion and hardship caused to cotton growers by the Government's restriction on the export of long staple cotton. "Whereas the Pakistan Government have allowed free exports of all varieties of cotton irrespective of destinational restrictions upto August 31, 1948, the Government of India have prohibted export of cotton of staple length thirteen by sixteen inches and over. This has caused a good deal of confusion and promises to entail in course of time considerable hardship to the trade, as the border-line beteen what is thirteen by sixteen and what is below is difficult to judge."

INDIAN MILLS STARVED

He continued "This would lead to diversion of a larger quantity of Pakistan cotton to the ports of that Dominion for export, and to that extent starve the Indian mills of the varieties of long staple cotton which they require most. Another effect of the export restriction will be to give an incentive to increased mixing of Jarilla cotton with Deshi, particularly in Central Provinces and Berar."

Sir Purushotamdas Thakurdas proceeded that "this incitement to mixing is not in the long term interest of the cotton trade, nor of the cotton grower, and particularly not of the India mill industry for whose benefit this restriction on export is imposed."

He hoped that the Governments of India and Pakistan would arrive at a reasonable agreement for the next year or two regarding their cotton policy, instead of the Pakistan Government announcing its one-sided decision to change a 'status quo' arrangement without the approval of the Indian Dominion." He urged that non-official opinion should be sought before arrivng at such a decision.

After a long discussion the meeting adopted the annual report and statement of accounts.

AMERICANS NOT EAGER TO INVEST IN INDIA

Feel Political Situation Inopportune

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (UPA).—Well informed government sources said they had found "very few" United States businessmen at present interested in making investments in India but opined that this situation might change as the pattern of developments in India becomes clearer.

A consensus of officials in close touch with the situation was that two major factors discouraging American capital from India for the time being were: firstly, uncertainty as to how rapid progress the Government of India will make in achieving political stability, and secondly, the lack of information as to whether the Indian Government intends placing so many restrictions on foreign capital as to make investment unattractive.

Informed quarters here expressed the belief that India's best chance for securing considerable financial assistance in the United States lay in applications to private financiers once the Indians are able to offer definite assurances as to the future in their country and the conditions under which foreign capital could operate. They pointed out that as far as large-scale government loans are concerned, these can be secured only through action of Congress or through the United States Export-Import Bank. There admittedly would be little, if any, possibility of Congress approving any substantial loan for India. Administration officials concede that they will be fortunate if they win Congressional approval of the long-range Marshall Plan for Europe and aid for China. The United States Export-Import Bank conceivably offer a source of dollars for India. However, it has returned to its original terms of reference and is scrutinizing all applications completely to make certain they fulfill requirements of increasing United States export and import trade.

Egyptian Civil Service's First Girl Clerks

CAIRO, (Reuter): For the first time in the history of Egyptian civil services, a large number of Egyptian girls have been engaged in the Passports and Nationality Department at the Ministry of the Interior.

Seventeen girls have been engaged by the newly created Foreigners' Control Office attached to this Department. They were chosen from among 110 applicants graduated from Secondary Schools.

Mu'in el Arab Bey, the Director, told newsmen that in his opinion girls are better fitted than men for typewriting, keeping files and index work.

Egyptian girls have proved very efficient as radio speakers, bank employees and in newsrooms.

MEERUT, Dec. 18, (A. P. I.): Shahzadi Bibojan, widow of the late Prince Mohd. Mohsin Khan of Afghanistan expired on Wednesday at the age of 90.

She was detained in India along with her husband by the British Government for over fifty years.

Prince Mohd. Mohsin Khan died nine years ago.

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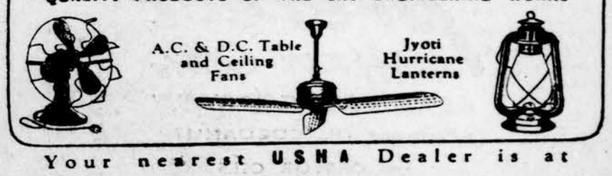

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Britain Must Sell More Gold For Dollars

Cripps Defends Govt. Decision To Cut Capital Expenditure

LONDON, Dec. 19, (Reuter): Sir Stafford Cripps Chancellor of the Exchequer, told the House of Commons last night that Britain's reserves of gold and dollars at the end of this year would be 2,000,000,000 dollars.

Estimating the present dollar drain at 55,000,000 dollars weekly Cripps said: "The dollar balance is proving most stubborn to reduce. A reduction in our standard of living has been most courageously accepted but circumstancee are still weighted against us."

Cripps said there was also the remaining 300,000,000 dollars of the American loan, 280,000,000 dollars of Canadian credit and 320,000,000 dollars of the old loan from South Africa.

Against this Britain had external liabilities of over 20,000,000,000 dollars.

Warning that still more gold would have to be sold for dollars, Cripps said: "No one is in greater danger of losing his independence than the man who has no reserves to fall back upon."

Cripps who was defending the Government's decision to cut capital expenditure by £188,000,000 said: "We shall continue our struggle but it cannot be a short one."

Whether the existing cuts in capital expenditure would be sufficient depended on whether the export programme was carried out.

INCOME-TAX INVESTIGATION COMMISSION

Tax Evaders To Be Severely Dealt With

NEW DELHI, Dec. 18, (A.P.I.): The Government of India have recently appointed an Income-Tax Investigation Commission which has been charged with the duty of investigating the methods and the extent of evasion practised by certain persons contrary to the provisions of the Indian Income-Tax Act and the Excess Profits Tax says a press note.

The Commission is presided over by a retired Judge of the Federal Court, and among its two other members is a Judge of the Bombay High Court.

Experience of income-tax procedure is provided for by appointing a member of the Income-Tax Appellate Tribunal and a Ex-Commissioner of Income-Tax as the other member.

With such a composition and with requisite powers for calling for information etc. The Commission is expected to inspire confidence that the scales will be held even between the tax-payer and the taxgatherer. At the same time the commission will deal with the tax-evader without fear or favour.

While the requisite machinery is thus provided for collecting as far as practicable the lost or evaded taxes, which may amount to a substantial sum, it is obvious that the machinery cannot hope to achieve its purpose without the co-operation of the public

U. S. 1948 WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION

Expected To Be Below This Year's Record

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18. (UPA): The Agriculture Department to-day estimated the 1948 winter wheat production at 838,705,000 bushels.

This would be 230,000,000 bushels below this year's record crop. The estimate is based on the indicated acreage and crop conditions as of December 1. It was the Department's first official forecast of the 1948 winter wheat.

The acreage seeded is estimated at 58,648,000,000. This is 580,000 higher than the 1947 winter wheat acreage The Department said, however, that the indicated yield per seeded acre is 14.3 compared with 18.4 for the last crop. It estimated that 15 per cent of the seeded acreage would not be harvested for grain. This compares with the extremely low abandonment of 5.7 per cent this year.

The indicated production, if realized, would mean a fourthstraight winter wheat crop of more than 800,000,000 bushels despite the autumn drought which had severely threatened the crop. The winter wheat crop normally produces three-fourths of the nation's total of wheat. Coupled with the normal crop of spring-seeded wheat indicated, the winter-wheat production, if realised, means that United States farmers will harvest their fifth-straight milliard bushels' crop.

The Department said that the acreage of the winter wheat seeded had set a new all-time record of nearly one-fourth larger than the ten-year average from 1936 to 1945.

DOG WAS CALLED AS WITNESS

NEW YORK, (Reuter): A dog was called as defence "witness" in a court here when Svend Sandgren was charged with manslaughter as the owner of a pack of bull terriers accused of causing the death of an 11-year-old boy.

The defence wanted to prove that bull terriers are gentle and to show the jury the formation of their teeth to compare with marks said to have been found on the boy's body.

"Wonder", a relative of one of Sandgren's dogs which were destroyed after the boy died, was placed on the stand.

He wagged his tail, looked round the courtroom but declined to co-operate when defence counsel tried to open his mouth. "Wonder's" owner opened his mouth and the jurors leaned forward to gaze at his teeth.

The assistant district attorney had no questions and the "witness" was dismissed.

HANDLOOM—WEAVERS' SOCIETIES

Experiment In Bhavnagar State

(From Our Correspondent)

BHAVNAGAR, Dec. 8.

A cursory glance at the report (published in Gujrati) of Bhavnagar State Weavers' Mandal working under the presidentship of Mr. Haribhai Ranabhai Bhaskar, a prominent Harijan worker in Kathiawar and Gujrat, will show that the main features of the scheme, as workedout with the co-operation of the State Control Department and the weavers, are as under:—

Weavers are encouraged to form their own societies on co-operative basis, electing their own managing committees, who are responsible both to the weavers and to the State Control Department for proper working of the societies. These societies are scattered over all the districts of the State, their number being sixty-two at present with 2,612 members coming from 308 villages of the State.

Yarn is being distributed to these societies by the Control Department and individual distribution to the members is being made by the societies themselves and all the cloth that is woven from this yarn is collected at the respective centres of these societies, who are to market this cloth at their own shops at the prices to be fixed by the Control Office and the distribution is being made on cloth ration cards mainly to farmers, labourers and the like, over and above their regular cloth quota. By such a double system the weavers—who are mostly Harijans are also being trained in co-operative marketing and as people voluntarily go to purchase cloth at these shops and as the societies have to keep accounts, preferably by employing their own men wherever available—it indirectly contributes to the removal of untouchability and illiteracy among the Harijans—over and above contributing to their economic uplift.

These societies came into existence since only a year and by the end of that period, as the report states, above four lacs of rupees will have gone into the pockets of weavers by way of profit and labour wages and yet the consumers of coarse count cloth of this type are getting ten to thirteen yards of such cloth per family, over and above their ration cloth, at fairly reasonable prices, e.g., ten to fourteen annas per yard of cloth woven from yarn of 4 to 20 counts. Nearly ten lac yards of handloom cloth has been distributed in this manner during the year. Formerly there being no such societies the merchants, who got this yarn and sold this cloth, gave lesser wages to weavers and charged exorbitant prices for cloth, there being no statutory price control on Handloom cloth.

The quota of yarn being very small in these days of cloth and yarn control, hardly two packets per loom per month are being distributed and Mr S. P. Vaidya, Controller of Civil Supplies, Bhavnagar State, on being interviewed, expressed his personal opinion that this Bhavnagar experiment should inspire others on these lines and if the Textile Commissioner could give him more yarn in quota and mixed and waste yarn ex-quota in sufficient quantity and if hand-spinning was taken up in earnest by Harijans and Farmers also in their off hours and days and if combined co-operative societies of weavers and farmers for Handloom cloth were formed on the above basis, such a union of producers and consumers—while relieving present cloth shortage to an appreciable extent would substantially contribute to the causes of rural and Harijan uplift, causes which are so dear to the Mahatma Gandhi and his disciples, the present Government of the Dominion of India.

Poona University And Konkan Districts

Dr. S. V. Oak, Fellow of the Bombay University and seven other representative gentlemen have addressed the following letter to the Select Committee of the Bombay Legislature on the "Poona University Bill":

We the undersigned request you to place this letter before the Select Committee to which the Poona University Bill is referred.

We are of opinion that the new University to be established in Poona ought not to be allowed to exercise any jurisdiction over the educational institutions in the Konkan Districts, that is to say, Thana, Kolaba and Ratnagiri. These Districts are so closely identified with the City of Bombay educationally, economically, socially, communicationally and almost for every worldly purpose that to disconnect them from Bombay University for educational purposes would be a very painful and harmful operation.

Therefore we submit that the Konkan Districts should be allowed to remain where they are, that is to say, to remain affiliated to the University of Bombay and, to accomplish this purpose, the Schedule defining the territorial jurisdiction of the proposed University should be amended by the omission of Thana, Kolaba and Ratnagiri Districts.

Any communication which you may wish, or be asked by the Select Committee to address to us should be addressed to the first signatory".

DEPUTIES STAGE TEN-MINUTE FIGHT

ROME, Dec. 18 (Reuter): Communist and Republican Deputies fought for ten minutes in the hall of the Italian Constituent Assembly here today during the debate on the Government's new programme. The session was temporarily suspended.

U.N. Atomic Commission To Consider Soviet Proposals

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 18, (UPA): The United Nations Atomic Energy Commission today agreed to further consider the Russian proposals for atomic control but, at the same time, to continue to work on the rival United States plan, after the Christmas Holidays.

In the first meeting in three months, the Commission members heard Russian Andrei Gromyko complain that further consideration of the United States plan would only kill time and he hinted that this is just what 'certain influential circles' wanted.

A Commission majority, however, decided to proceed to plan the administrative set up for the United States proposed international atomic agency which would own and control all of the world's atomic resources and make certain they are used only for peaceful purposes.

The Russian plan would let each country retain control of atomic activity, although submitting periodically to inspection by an international agency.

Gromyko argued that his plan is necessary if nations are to keep their sovereignty.

Sterling Talks To be Resumed In January

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 18.

A British Treasury delegation will be leaving for Delhi early in January to resume talks on sterlings.

It is understood that the India Government's efforts to obtain fresh tonnage for mercantile marine has been successful.

BAO DAI'S TOUR TO EUROPE 'PRIVATE'

French Colonial Spokesman Denies False Reports

PARIS, Dec. 18 (Reuter): Recurring reports that Bao Dai Ex-Emperor of Annam would visit Paris on a European trip, presumably to discuss the unification of Cochin-China, Annam and Tonkin—were denied here tonight by a French Colonial Ministry spokesman.

Bao Dai "certainly is not coming to Paris. It is improbable now that he will go to London" the spokesman said.

"He will probably go directly to Switzerland to visit his wife and two children there and he may also visit Denmark, Holand and Belgium".

Officially his visit will be 'private' the spokesman said, 'although he will probably confer with Parliamentary and Governmental leaders of the various countries he visits on his European tour"

A despatch yesterday from Hong Kong said Bao Dai would leave by air on Saturday for London and quoted reports saying it was probable he would contact French authorities and might later visit France to discuss the unification of Cochin-China Annam and Tonkin.

Bao Dai who abdicated about two years ago, recently had talks with French High Commissioner for Indo-China on the future of the country.

China To Issue New Constitution Commemoration Stamps

NANKING, Dec. 18. (Reuter): Postage stamps commemorating the inauguration of China's republican constitution will be issued on Christmas Day when the new constitution comes into force, the Postal administration announced today.

They will bear miniature reproduction of the original constitution with the National Assembly in the background.

FINANCIAL REFORM FOR W. GERMANY

Dr. Schacht Working With Bi-zonal Authorities

NUREMBERG, Dec. 18, (Reuter): Dr. Schacht, one time "financial Wizard" of the Nazi regime, was reported today to be working with bi-zonal officials on a plan of financial reform for Western Germany.

The be-spectacled, 71-year-old former Reichsbank President who was sentenced to eight years imprisonment after acquittal by the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg, was moved from the German detention camp at Ludwigsburg near Stuttgrat, last Sunday to an American-operated camp at Ober-Ursel, eight miles from Frankfurt.

Officials of the Bi-zonal Finance Council at bad Hamburg who are engaged in drawing up a plan for the stabilisation of Germany's widly flated mark, were understood to have requested the aid of Dr. Schacht who has long boasted openly that he had an original plan for financial reform.

At the time of his acquittal at Nuremberg the greyhaired financier proposed a vaguely worded "bargain" to military authorities in return for his currency plan. Although no authentic details of the plan are available it is known that the American army in Germany six months ago interrogated Schacht about it.

S S. Man Escapes Eight Times

FLORENCE, (Reuter): A German war criminal whose name is given as Fritz Montz, 25, has been recaptured for the eighth time by the Allied and Italian police, it is reported here.

Montz, who was caught this time in Leghorn, is reported to have been a member of the S.S. and to have been responsible for sending many Americans and Italians, to the concentration camp of Dachau.

Montz speaks five languages fluently.

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Steady Rise In Steel Shares On Renewed Buying

NARROW PRICE MOVEMENT IN COTTON MARKET

Bullion Rules Steady With Moderate Support

BOMBAY, Dec. 19.

The Bombay Stock Exchange was fairly firm on cessation of Selling pressure and replacement buying by sold out bulls. The market looks like marking time awaiting fresh developments. The general feeling is moderately bullish and recent long liquidation has improved the technical position to some extent.

Tata Steel Dfds. opened at Rs. 1975 and advanced at Rs. 2002. Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 390 and improved at Rs. 393. Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs. 1212 and after declining at Rs. 1200 rallied at Rs. 1212. Kohinoors were quoted at Rs. 625 Simplex Shares opened at Rs. 253 and steadied at Rs. 254. Swadeshi shares opened at Rs. 670 and improved at Rs. 676.

The market ruled very steady throughout the session. Scattered realising sales were easily absorbed and Tata Steel Defds. hardened at Rs. 2015 while Ordinary Shares were done at Rs. 395/8. Cements were also steady at Rs. 191/8.

MILL SHARES

Bombay Dyeing 1212/8 Kohinoor 632 Swadeshi 675 Nagpur 364 Simplex 255 New Great 428 Gokak 346 Indore 730 Century 975 Colaba 280 I Bleaching 158 Swan 372 Fnilay 328 Morarji 602/8 Edward 710 Meyer 235 Apollo 4/5 I U Ordinary 17/7 I U Defd 3/5/9 Madhusudan 290 Poddar 350 Khatau X D 272/8

STEEL

Tata Steel Ord 396 Tata Steel Defd 2017/8 Second 152/8

CEMENT

Associated Merger 190

INDUSTRIES

Burma 525 Belapur 349 Shivrajpur 42 Scindia 37/3 Construction 223/12 Tata Chemical 17/8 Tata Oil 72 Indian Iron 37/9 Bengal Steel 32

ELECTRIC SHARES.

Tram Ord 138/4 Tata Hydro 176 Andhra 1562/8 Power X D 1745

MILLS (CASH)

Elphinstone 91 Phoenix 1310 Ind Mfg 4460 Kooria 306/4 Dawn 1545 David 142/8 New City 243/12 Minerva 213/12 Bradbury 640 Bharucha (Defd) 7/8 Bharat 50/4 Mysore 240 Madhavji 19/6 Model 213/12 Laxmi X D 1625 Vishnu X D 620 Western 4325 Standard 500 Sholapur 6300 Sassoon Cotton 19 Hindustan 4550 Tata 83/8 Ahmedabad Advance 460 Sassoon Silk 75/8 New Union 20 Madhusudan 292/8 Shrinivas 408/12 Raja Bahadur 125 Berar 265 Victoria 425 Kohinoor Cpn. 56 Simplex Cpn 127

ELECTRIC SHARES (CASH)

Ahmedabad 157/8 New 148/12 Surat 171/4 New Prem 110 Karachi 145 Broach 11 Ajmer X D 12/4 Amalgamated 15/8 Nagpur 56/8 Poona 170 Bombay Suburban 176/4 Bombay Suburban (New) Prem. 100

BANK SHARES

Reserve 121 Imperial 2295 P P 573/12 Central 89/8 Coupon 19 India 246/8 Union 11/8 Baroda 171/4 Habib 151 Dena Bank 60 United Commercial 76 Jaipur 52 Hindustan Com. 41 Mysore 367/8 Exchange (Ord) 50 Eastern 105

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PREFERENCE SHARES

Tata Steel (1st Pref.) 205 Tram 50 Andhra Valley 1355 Tata Power 1430 Hydro 136/4 Bombay Steamer 323/12 Nagpur 105 Swadeshi 146/4 Vishnu 825 Laxmi 308/12 New Great 268/12 Poddar 115/10 Shrinivas 101 Elphinstone 126/4 Bradbury 497/8 Surat Elec. 165/10 Premier Construction (1st Pref.) 127 (Second Pref) 125 Amalgamated 135 Habib 72 Tata Chemical 115 Walchand Nagar Industries 250 Jupiter 17/10 Supreme 120 Meyer 125 Mackenzie First 127/8 Mackenzie Second 125 Ahd. Advance 143/12 Mysore Mill 51 Standard 100 Madhusudan 12

DEBENTURES

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OUTSIDE SHARES

Indian Copper 3/6 B I C 10.2 Burma Corporation 3/14 New Victoria 6/4 New Victoria Preference 7/4 Raja 31 Phalton 124 Gold Mohur 305 Kaiser-I-Hind 380 Sajjan 297/8 Osmanshahi 285 Azamshahi 245 Air Service 13/8 Air Ambika 13/8 Air India (Tata) 195 Hind Motor 8/10 India Steam 16/14 Sone Valley 9

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE
Bombay, Dec. 19.

Tata Ordinary 396 Tata Deferred 2017/8 Indian Iron 37/9 Steel Corpn. of Bengal 32 Bombay Dyeing 1212/8 General India, 363/12 Gokak 346/4 Kohinoor 631/13 Simplex 255 Swadeshi 675 tTata Power 1750 Associated Cement 190 Belapur 348/12 Bombay Burma (Old) 525 Scindia 37/3 Central Bank 88/12 New India 81/14 Tata 2nd Pref. 152/8

GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, Dec. 19.

The Bullion Market was steady today on renewed buying by professional operators. Arrivals are fairly large and the offtake continues poor but the market is manipulated by operators. At the opening forward Silver was quoted at Rs. 169 and advanced at Rs. 170 while ready silver was quoted at Rs. 171. Forward Gold opened at Rs. 104|14 and improved at Rs. 105|4. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 105|4 and Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 68|4.

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 19

Trading was suspended for sometime in the produce market for Valan purpose. Castorseeds after opening at Rs. 148|1 improved at Rs. 148|12.

CHICAGO WHEAT.
CHICAGO, Dec. 18.

December 3.09-1/2 to 3.09-3/4.
March 3.05 bid.
May 2.97-3/4 to 2.98.
July 2.67-1/4 to 2.67-1/2.

LONDON WHEAT.
London, Dec. 18.

Australian Wheat (bulk) F. O. B. 137/6 Feb.-Mar. quoted.

RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES.

BOMBAY, Dec. 19.

MILLS.

Apollo 4/4/6 4/5 4/4/6 4/5/6 4/5
Bharat 50/8 50/4
B Dyeing 12 12/8 15 5 12/8 7/8 15 7/8 15 10 12/8
C. India 350 65 61 65 63 64
Colaba 230
E. Textiles 710
Elphinstone (Ord.) 91
Finlay 328 25 27 25 28
Gokak 343 41 46
I. U. (Defd.) 3/5 3/5/6
I. U. (Ord.) 17/6 17/4 17/5/6 17/4 17/7 17/6 17/7
Indore 727/8 20 30 27/8 30
Khatau 272/8
Kohinoor 629 31 27 29 27 32 30 32
Madhusudan 290
Meyer 238/12 36/4 37/8 35
Morarji 610 2/8
New City 442/2 43/12
New Great 427 25 27 26/8 28
Podar 350
Sassoon Cotton 19
Simplex 253 51 54/8 53 55 53 55
Swadeshi 672 75 72 74 70 78 74 75
Swan 374 75 72
Tata Mills 83 84 83/8
Bharucha (Defd.) 7/12

BANKS.

Central 89/8 88/8 89 88 89/8
Imperial (Old) 2295 90 95
Imperial (New) 570 73/12
India 245 47 46/8
Reserve 121 20/8 21/8 21
Union 11/7 11/6 11/8
U. Commercial 75/8 76

ELECTRIC.

Andhra Valley 1565 62/8
B. Tram (Ord.) 137/8 38 36/12 38/4 38
Hydro 176

INSURANCE.

New India 81 81/8 81 82/8 82
Vulcan 14/3

STEAMER.

B. Steam 605 7/8
Scindia 37/6 37/9 37/4 37/2 37/6 37/3

STEEL.

B. Steel 31/12 31/11 32
I. Iron 37/2 37/4 37/1 37/9
Tata (Defd) 1977/8 75 90 75 2002/8 1992/8 2000 1995 2012/8 10 17
Tata (Ord.) 389 90/8 90 94/8 93 96
Tata (IInd Pref.) 153 53/8 52/12 53 52/8

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock 337/8 41/4 40
A. C. C. Old 192 93/8 92/8 93 90
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Belapur 352 48 49 45 49
B. B. (Old) 522/8 30 20 27/8 25
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Central Coupon 19
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Dena Bank 60
Alembic Chem. 267/8
Muhamodi Steamship 99/8
Haydari Const. 15/14

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, Dec. 19.

The local cotton market was fairly steady today with moderate buying. The market is closing early today for the annual general meeting and will remain closed on Monday for the election of the members of the Board.

January Delivery opened at Rs. 404 and improved at Rs. 406 while March was done at Rs. 402|8.

January improved at Rs. 506/8 and quietened at Rs. 505/8 on scattered selling. The market closed at 3 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. Jan.	504	0	0
I.C.C. March	500	4	0
I.C.C. May	504	8	0
I.C.C. July	511	4	0
I.C.C. Sept.	515	4	0

INDIAN COTTON PARITY.

Indian Cotton January Contract is 1587 cent points below New York January at Exchange rate 331.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.
BOMBAY, Dec. 18.

	Hi.	Lo.	Closing.
Jan.	509	504	505-1/2
March	506	501-1/2	501-3/4
May	510-1/2	506	506
July	517-1/2	513	513
Sept.	521-1/2	517	517

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.
New York, Dec. 18

March	35.60—34
May	35.28—31
July	34.12—28
October	31.20—21
December	30.55—19
Middling Spot	35.30—35

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.
London, Dec. 18.

	£
Consols 2-1/2 p c	82-5/8
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961	105-1/2
War Loan 3-1/2 p c 1952 and after	103
Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90	112
Victory Bonds 4 p c	114
Chartered Bank of I. A. and China	11-3/8
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.)	119-1/2
National Bank of India	21-1/4

LONDON BULLION.
London, Dec. 18.

Silver Spot 45 d. Forward 44-3/4 d.
Gold £8/12/3.

NEW YORK SILVER.
New York, Dec. 18.

U. S. Price of Foreign Silver 74-5/8 cents.

Moderate Selling In N. Y. Cotton Market

Congressional Investigations Into Dealings Of Prominent Traders

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.

COTTON.

After intial steadiness on scattered price-fixing prices drifted quietly reflecting indifferent demands, lack of fresh incentives and some selling attributable partially for tax purposes. Export uncertainties and possibly Congressional investigations into the speculative activities of prominent traders in grains and other commodities contributed to the bullish restraint. The somewhat larger November cotton consumption than expected was virtually ignored. Feeble rallies on modest mill buying again met increased liquidation disclosing indifferent support with the evident need of fresh bullish incentives a feature. The session closed barely steady. Sales are estimated at 150,000 bales.

STOCKS.

Overnight accumulation of buying orders and shortcovering resulted in initial gains covering one point but the buying enthusiasm waned after early activity and price changes were fractionally mixed at midday, losses slightly more evident. The averages were industrials 179.96 and rails 50.39. The market continued to fluctuate around noon levels and, although trading was reduced, sales were approaching the million mark. Rallying attempts were feeble with numerous buyers cautious awaiting Washington developments. The bullish element was encouraged by an estimated peacetime peak for fourth quarter industrial production. Quiet fluctuations covering one point continued in late dealings and the session closed irregular.

CHICAGO GRAINS.

Chicago Grains advanced sharply early on accumulation of buying and covering orders started by the downward revision of Government's final 1947 crop estimate. The market encountered considerable profit-taking and hedging in maize against larger bookings from country. Traders are anxiously awaiting the official 1948 winter production estimate which some trade quarters expect to be larger than the recent ideas as a result of the excellent moisture during November over the dry areas.

NEW YORK COTTON.
New York, Dec. 18.

January	35.33—36
March	35.57—37
March Highest	36.00+06
March Lowest	35.57—37
May	35.26—34
July	34.18—24
October	31.25—19
December	30.62—15
March	30.34—16
May	30.04—13
Middling Spot	36.39—37

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.
NEW YORK, Dec. 18.
STOCK.

Allied Chemical	185
American Smelting	57
American Tel. & Tel	150 3/4
Anaconda Copper	34 1/2
Bankers Trust	36 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	100 1/8
Boeing Aircraft	22 3/8
Candian Pacific	11 5/8
Chase National Bank	33
General Electric	34 5/8
General Motors	56 3/4
Gillette	30 1/2
Goodyear Tire	45 7/8
International Nickel	26 3/4
Lockheed	13 3/4
Nash Kelvinator	17 3/4
National City Bank	38
New York Central	14 1/2
Pennsylvania Railroad	17 7/8
Shell Oil	32 5/8
Southern Pacific	46 5/8
Standard Oil	56 7/8
Studebaker	20
Swift & Co.	34 1/2
Technicolour	12 1/2
Twentieth Century Fox	22 1/2
U. S. Steel	76 5/8
Warner Brothers	13
Westinghouse	29 7/8

NEW YORK EXCHANGES.
NEW YORK, Dec. 18.

T. T. New York on:—
London 4.02-3/4 to 4.03-1/4.
London free 4.03-1/8 to 4.03-3/8.
London 3 months 3.99-7/8 to 4.00-1/8.
Paris 0.83-15/16.
Paris free 0.84 to 0.84-1/8.
Bombay 30.22.
Bombay free 30.23 offered.
Switzerland free 24.70 to 25.00.
Switzerland Com. 23.40.
Shanghai open market 72.000 to 74.000.
Shanghai official 12.000.
Argentine official 29.77.
Argentine free 24.93 to 25.02.
Sterling pound note selling 2.45 to 2.50.

WOOL TOPS STEADY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18, (U. P. A.): Wool tops closed steady, unchanged to fifteen higher. December was quoted at 184—187; March 173.5—179; May, 174—175; July, 170—170.5; October 168—169; December 1948, 165.5—167.

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, Dec.19.

	Rs.	as.	p
2-1/2 p.c. 1954	98	12	0
2-1/2 p.c. 1950	101	6	0
2-1/2 p.c. 1961	97	15	0
2-3/4 p.c. 1948-52	100	11	0
2-3/4 p.c. 1960	100	4	0
2-3/4 p.c. 1962	100	2	0
2-3/4 p.c. 1976	99	8	0
3 p.c. Non-Terminable	100	14	0
3 p.c. 1986 Con.	101	5	0
3 p.c. 1949-52	102	5	0
3 p.c. 1951-54	102	12	0
3 p.c. 1953-55	102	12	0
3 p.c. 1957	102	12	0
3 p.c. 1959-61	102	9	0
3 p.c. 1963-65	102	0	0
3 p.c. 1966-68	102	0	0
3 p.c. 1970-75	101	14	0
3-1/2 p.c 1954-57	106	8	0
4 p.c. 1948-53	102	12	0
4 p.c 1960-70	113	12	0
4-1/2 p.c. 1950-55	106	4	0
4-1/2 p.c. 1955-60	114	2	0
4-1/2 p.c. 1958-67	117	8	0

PROVINCIAL LOANS

2-3/4 p.c U. P. 1961	99	0	0
2-3/4 p.c. Madras 1961	99	2	0
3 p.c. Bombay 1956	102	0	0
3 p.c. Bombay 1955	102	0	0
3 p.c. Punjab 1949	99	6	0
3 p.c. Madras 1952-53	101	0	0
3 p.c. Punjab 1952	99	8	0
3 p.c. U P 1952	101	0	0
3 p.c. C. P. 1952	101	0	0
3 p.c. N. W. F. 1952	100	4	0
3 p.c. U. P 1961-66	101	2	0
3 p.c. Bombay Port Trust	113	0	0
4 p.c. Bombay Municipality City	113	0	0
3 p.c Bombay Municipality 1959	118	0	0
3 p.c. Bombay Municipality 1954	120	0	0
3-1/4 p.c. New Municipal 1977	102	4	0
6 p.c. K. P. T.	117	0	0

NEW YORK PEPPER MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18, (U. P. A.): Pepper dealers indicated today that despite the recent sharp decline, the black pepper market appears headed for still lower levels until buying interest is revived.

Following the sale of one car equal to 15 long tons of black early this week at 40 cents per pound, buyer interest has faded out to near the vanishing point. In fact, early January arrivals were offered at 39 and 1/2 cents per pound with no takers. Some quarters thought that buyers' ideas now ranged between two and three cents below the current market.

Expectation of heavier arrivals next month plus the comfortable position of some grinders on inventories and reluctance to add to inventories prior to the year's end has taken the snap completely out of buying interest. The spread between spot and shipment positions has narrowed to around five cents which dealers consider just a little above normal difference.

Today's market: Black pepper closed inactive and unchanged. The spot market remained dull and featureless with lampong quoted at 40 cents nominal and white pepper, 63 nominal. Closing prices: December, 42 nominal; January, 39 bid; March, 36 bid; May, 35 bid; July, 34 bid; September, 33 nominal.

POSITION OF SCHEDULED BANKS.

Statement of the position of Scheduled Banks as at the close of business on the 12th December:—

	Rs.
1. Demand Liabilities:	
(a) In India	651,20,11,000
(b) In Pakistan	79,51,86,000
2. Time Liabilities:	
(a) In India	315,34,80,000
(b) In Pakistan	26,76,06,000
3. Cash:	
(i) Currency notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes.	
(a) In India	33,34,81,000
(b) In Pakistan	3,52,43,000
(ii) Rupee Coin:	
(a) In India	2,07,82,000
(b) In Pakistan	25,03,000
(iii) Subsidiary Coin:	
(a) In India	67,80,000
(b) In Pakistan	6,50,000
4. Balances with Reserve Bank	110,79,12,000
5. Advances:	
(a) In India	368,17,66,000
(b) In Pakistan	38,30,84,000
6. Bills Discounted.	
(a) In India	16,77,72,000
(b) In Pakistan	1,10,07,000

Groundnuts were firm and quotations are hardening in the local as well as upcountry markets. Madras quotations was Rs. 141 while oil is quoted at Rs. 298 which parity seems against crushers. In view of the rise permits are likely to be delayed. U. K. and Holland are not willing to buy Castoroil.

GROUNDNUTS: Khandesh Ready and Madras Rs. 33/4. Bold Ready Rs. 33. Bold Dec.-Jan. declined at Rs. 31/11 from Rs. 31/13. February-March Rs. 31/8. Oil Ready Bombay Mills Rs. 18/10. January Rs. 17/15, February Rs. 18/1.

CASTORSEEDS: Ready Rs. 34, January Rs. 32/12, February Rs. 32, May delivery after declining at Rs. 147/14, advanced at Rs. 148/12 and closed at Rs. 148. Oil first pressing Rs. 21/14, Commercial quality Rs. 20/6.

LINSEED: Ready Rs. 29/2, February-March Rs. 29/4, Oil Rs. 18/1.

KURSANI: Ready Rs. 37/10, Dec.-Feb. Rs. 37/6, Feb.-March Rs. 37, Kardi Rs. 24, March-May Rs. 23/10.

LONDON PEPPER MARKET.

LONDON, Dec. 18, (U. U. A.): On the London pepper market today prices adjusted themselves somewhat with white selling at two shillings nine and one-half pence and black at one shilling ten pence.

Amsterdam prices remained unchanged.

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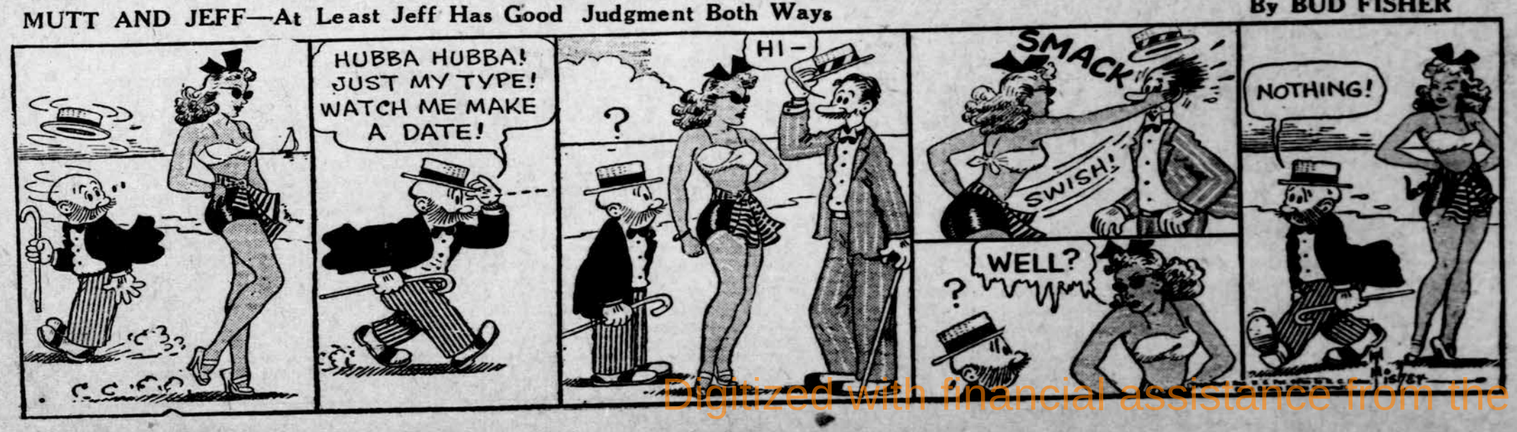

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S. S. RAMASUBBAN,
Secretary, Railway Board

New Delhi,
The 12th December, 1947. 6521

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3. OVERSEERS 3 POSTS: Qualifications usual for overseers from recognized school. Age not exceeding 25 years but this limit may be relaxed in case of men with special experience. Scale of pay: Rs. 100-8-140-10-200-10-300.

4. SILT ANALYSTS 3 POSTS: B.Sc. or I.Sc. with experience in this work or with qualifications for overseers. Age not exceeding 25 years but this limit may be relaxed in case of candidates with experience in this work. Scale of Pay: Rs. 100-8-140-10-200/10-300.

5. ASSISTANT SILT ANALYSTS 2 POSTS. Matric 1st Class or Intermediate Arts or Science 2nd Class. Lower class Matrics with experience in the work may be considered. Age not exceeding 25 years. Scale of pay Rs. 55-3-85/4-125-5-130.

6. FOREMAN 1 POST. A good alround mechanic who should have held charge of a workshop for about 5 years. Certificate or Diploma holders in Mechanical Engineering from a recognised Technical Institute will be preferred. Scale of pay Rs. 100-8-140-10-200/10-300.

7. HEAD MECHANIC 1 POST. A good alround Electrical man who has had to supervise and control a number of mechanics for about 5 years. Certificate or Diploma holders in Mechanical Engineering of a recognised Technical Institute will be preferred. Scale of Pay: Rs. 125-6-185-8-225.

8. ELECTRICIANS 2 POSTS. A good alround Electrical man who has had to supervise and control a number of Electricians for about 5 years. Certificate or Diploma holders in Electrical Engineering of a recognised Technical Institute will be preferred. Scale of Pay: Rs. 125-6-185-8-225.

9. STORE KEEPER 1 POST. Graduates but Matriculates who have already worked as Store Keeper preferably in Govt. offices for not less than 5 years will be eligible. Scale of pay: Rs. 80-5-120/8-200-10/2-220.

10. ASSISTANT STORE KEEPERS 2 POSTS. Matriculates with experience of not less than 2 years as Store Clerks preferably in a Government Office. Scale of Pay: Rs. 55-3-85/4-125-5-130.

11. HEAD DRAFTSMAN 1 POST. Qualified man from a recognised school or College for Engineers, Draftsmen or Architects with not less than 15 years service. Should be familiar with Structural Designs. Scale of pay Rs. 300-20-500.

12. DRAFTSMEN (JUNIOR) 1 POST. Qualified man from a recognised school or college for Engineers-Draftsmen and Architects. Age not exceeding 25 years but this limit may be raised to 30 years in case of candidates with special experience. Scale of pay: Rs. 100-5-125-6-155/6-185.

13. TRACERS AND FERRO-PRINTERS 5 and 1 POSTS. Matriculates. Men with experience as Tracers or Holders of certificates or Diplomas of tracers from recognised Institutions will get preference. Age not exceeding 25 years but this limit may be raised to 30 years for candidates with special experience. Pay Scale Rs. 60-4-120/5-150.

14. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND ASSISTANT PHOTOGRAPHER 1 POST EACH. Men with experience of Scientific Photography. Scale of pay Rs. 120-10-300 and 80-5-120/8-200-10/-220 respectively.

15. STENOGRAPHER 1 POST. Matric with typing speed of not less than 40 words per minute and Shorthand speed of not less than 100 words per minute. Scale of pay Rs. 80-5-120/8-200-10/2-220.

(a) In addition to the above scales of pay, dearness and other allowances will be admissible in each category as sanctioned by the Government of India from time to time.

(b) The posts are permanent with a period of probation of 2 years.

(c) Selected candidates will have to work either at Delhi (Okhla) or Poona (Khadakwasla Station) with liability for service anywhere in India.

(d) Government servants are eligible subject to the condition that their applications are received through proper channel.

Applications should be addressed to the Director, Central Waterways, Irrigation & Navigation Research Station, Poona. Selected candidates will be called for interview at Delhi. (6596)

EASTERN PUNJAB RAILWAY
Increase in Train Services.

Commencing from December 19, a number of Time Table Trains are being restored and train services considerably increased on various sections of the E. P. Railway. The timings of important trains are given below:—

	Date	Train No.	Station from	Station to.	Time of departure from starting station.	Time of arrival at destination station.
(A) Delhi-Saharanpur-Amritsar Section	19-12-47	33	Delhi	Amritsar	7/30	0/50
	,,	25	,,	,,	11/00	4/10
	,,	139	,,	Saharanpur	15/30	21/20
	,,	41	Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar	7/35	15/40
	21-12-47	127	Delhi	Meerut City	18/00	20/00
	20-12-47	34	Amritsar	Delhi	10/30	5/40
	,,	26	,,	,,	22/00	16/50
	19-12-47	42	,,	Ambala Cantt.	19/00	3/15
	20-12-47	140	Saharanpur	Delhi	6/10	11/45
	21-12-47	128	Meerut City.	,,	21/30	23/30
(B) Ambala Cantt.-Kalka Section	19-12-47	1	Ambala Cantt.	Kalka	4/5	6/38
	,,	143	do.	do	17/00	19/45
	,,	2	Kalka	Ambala Cantt.	24/00	1/55
	,,	144	,,	,,	11/00	13/15
(C) Ferozepur Cantt.-Rohtak.	19-12-47	24	Ferozepur Cantt.	Rohtak	10/45	19/29
	,,	22	do.	do.	20/1	6/41
	,,	23	Rohtak	Ferozepur Cantt.	9/53	17/41
	,,	21	do.	do.	21/16	7/3

N.B. (i) Through service carriages for upper and lower class passengers from Jullundur and Delhi to Simla and back shall run by 42 Dn/1 Up and 2 Dn/41 Up between Jullundur City and Kalka and by 25 Up/1Up and 2 Dn/26 Dn between Delhi and Kalka.

(ii) Tickets for passengers for stations south of Jagadhri will be issued only on production of permits issued by Civil Authorities.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.
6590

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

THE BANK will be CLOSED on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 25th and 26th December, 1947, those days being Public Holidays (CHRISTMAS) under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

J. ROBERTSON,
Secretary and Treasurer.
Bombay, 15th December 1947. (6580)

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Give a "PEOPLE'S SET" Radio as your X'mas Bonus to your staff this year. Available in a beautiful X'mas packing, it makes an ideal gift. Price Rs. 95/- Available at 20 Authorised Dealers throughout Bombay or at Fazalbhoy's Opera House. (6481)

PUBLIC NOTICES

FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Advertisement No. 15.

APPLICATIONS INVITED for the undermentioned posts from nationals of Indian Dominion by birth or by domicile. Persons of Indian descent or citizens of the Indian States or of the Pakistan Dominion or of any other territory adjacent to India are also eligible but a declaration of eligibility issued by the Government of the Dominion of India will be necessary in their case before appointment. Upper age limit relaxable by 3 years for Scheduled Caste candidates. Particulars and application forms from Secretary, Federal Public Service Commission, Simla. When applying for forms, candidates must specify the name of the post. Closing date for applications with treasury receipt or Crossed Postal Order for Rs. 7/8/- (Rs. 1/14/- for Scheduled Caste candidates) 24th January, 1948. Cheques or Money Orders not accepted. Separate application with separate fee required for each category of posts. Candidates from outside India are not required to pay any application fee and may apply on plain paper if prescribed application forms not available. No candidate will be considered for appointment unless he appears for a personal interview if called upon to do so.

(1) ONE PERMANENT POST OF STORES SUPERINTENDENT, CIVIL AVIATION TRAINING CENTRE, SAHARANPUR. Women ineligible. AGE Preferably between 28 and 40 years. PAY Rs. 275-25-500-E. B. - 30-650-E.B.-30-800. QUALIFICATIONS ESSENTIAL A degree preferably in Science or Engineering. DESIRABLE (i) Experience in the Stores Branch in the Air Forces, Army or Navy. (ii) Experience of procurement and source of Radio and Electrical Stores. (iii) Military Service or knowledge of Accounting (Equipment).

(2) ONE POST OF SYSTEMATIC ENTOMOLOGIST, INDIAN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE, NEW DELHI. Domicile not restricted to Indians. British subjects eligible. Women eligible. AGE Preferably below 40 years; relaxable in case of highly qualified candidates and Government servants. PAY Initial pay up to Rs. 600/- p.m. in such time scale as may be fixed on the result of the Central Pay Commission recommendations. QUALIFICATIONS ESSENTIAL (i) Master's degree in Zoology or its equivalent. (ii) A research degree in Entomology preferably a Doctorate. (iii) Should have at least 10 years' experience of research in Systematic Entomology with evidence of capacity to undertake new lines of research (copies of published papers should be sent with the applications.) DESIRABLE (i) Knowledge of French and/or German. (ii) Teaching experience.

(3) TWO POSTS OF ASSISTANT EDITOR OF JOURNALS, INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, NEW DELHI. One post is sanctioned up to 31st March, 1948, but is likely to be extended further. The other post is for 6 months. Women eligible. AGE Preferably below 35 years; relaxable in case of permanent Government servants. PAY Rs. 200-10-320-(E.B.)-15-500. Higher initial pay up to Rs. 350/- may be granted to a specially well qualified and experienced candidate. QUALIFICATIONS ESSENTIAL (i) A good degree in Botany, Zoology, Chemistry or Agriculture. (ii) Some experience of Journalism, especially in the presentation of Scientific subjects—evidence of this should be produced. (iii) Ability to write good English. DESIRABLE Special knowledge of some branch of agriculture or animal husbandry.

(4) ONE PERMANENT POST OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, AIR ROUTES AND AERODROMES (EQUIPMENT), CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTORATE, NEW DELHI. Women ineligible. AGE Between 25 and 40 years. No age limit for permanent Government servants. PAY Rs. 600 - 40-1,000-1,000-1,050-1,050-1,100-1,100-1,150 plus special pay of Rs. 100. QUALIFICATIONS ESSENTIAL (i) A graduate of a recognised University preferably in Engineering or one who has held a Commission in the R.I.A.F., R.I.N. or Army. (ii) Practical knowledge and experience of procurement of technical aerodrome operated equipment such as lighting signals and Motor Transport. DESIRABLE Experience of Air Force equipment.

(5) THREE PERMANENT POSTS OF NAUTICAL SURVEYOR, MERCANTILE MARINE DEPARTMENT. Women ineligible. AGE Preferably between 25 and 40 years. PAY Rs. 800-40-1000- E.B. -50/2-1150-50-1300. Higher initial pay for officers with special qualifications or experience. QUALIFICATIONS (i) A certificate of competency as Master of a foreign going ship with service as Master or Chief Officer. (ii) A minimum of 5 years' sea experience. Preference will be given to candidates with Extra-Master's certificates

(6) ONE TEMPORARY POST OF BUSINESS MANAGER IN THE PUBLICATIONS DIVISION, MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING. Women eligible. AGE Preferably below 40 years. PAY Rs. 900-50-1100, subject to revision as per Central Pay Commission's recommendations. QUALIFICATIONS (i) A good degree of a recognised University, preferably in Commerce (ii) At least 5 years' experience in responsible managerial post preferably in a publishing house of standing or a corresponding organisation under Government (iii) Should be thoroughly conversant with organising sales and distribution of Publications, cost accounting methods, advertising and Publicity. (6585)

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO MOTOR OWNERS.

OWNERS of Motor Vehicles, residing in the Bombay Region are informed that the third quarter of the financial year 1947-48 of the Motor Vehicles Tax ends on 31-12-47. All owners, who have paid the tax upto 31-12-47 should therefore pay or remit now to the Motor Vehicles and Taxation Department, Gymnasium Road, off Cruickshank Road, Bombay, further Tax for the quarter ending 31-3-1948 so that it may be credited on or before 15-1-1948. Payments will be accepted on any working day between 10-30 A.M. and 2-30 P.M. and on Saturdays between 10-30 A.M. and 12-30 P.M.

Cheques should be drawn in favour of the REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, BOMBAY. When the tax is paid by Cheque the Tax Tokens and the Registration Certificates will be issued only after the Cheques are encashed by the Bank. Any delay in payment of the tax due to any irregularity or otherwise will render the owner or the person in possession of Motor Vehicle liable to a penalty. Third-party cheques and Cheques drawn on the Banks which have no clearing account with the Reserve Bank of India will not be accepted.

ALL REMITTANCES OF TAX SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED WITH THE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES AND TAX DECLARATION FORMS DULY COMPLETED.

Tax will not be accepted unless a Certificate of Insurance as required under rule 5 of the Bombay Motor Vehicles (Third-party Insurance Rules 1946) is produced at the time of payment of tax. Under this rule, the owner of a motor vehicle should at the time of payment of tax produce a valid certificate of Insurance relating to the vehicle and complying with the requirements of Chapter VIII of the Motor Vehicles Act 1939. In the case of vehicles exempted under Section 94 of the Motor Vehicles Act 1939, the owners should produce a certificate in the prescribed form 'C' in place of the Certificate of Insurance.

Owners of motor vehicles bearing extra provincial or native state registration marks should note that the fifteen days grace period does not apply to them and that the tax due should be paid, on or before the expiry of the tax token, if any, issued to them. In case of new arrivals, a report of arrival of the vehicle should be submitted to the Regional Transport Officer, Bombay, in the prescribed form within seven days from the date of entering the Province.

If the tax is remitted by Money Order, the Money Order particulars such as the registered number of the motor vehicle, the period for which the tax is paid and the amount remitted should be mentioned in the Money Order coupons and the registration certificate, tax declaration form and the Certificate of Insurance should be forwarded to the undersigned with a covering intimation of the remittance of tax by Money Order.

Owners who desire to keep their vehicles off the road after the expiry of the current quarter should send an intimation of nonuse to the undersigned so as to reach this Office before the last day of the quarter. Failure to send the intimation in time, renders an owner liable to pay tax and penalty. In the case of motor vehicles in respect of which nonuse intimations have been given, tax should be paid before they are brought into use again.

(Sd.) J. B. RABBITT,
Regional Transport Officer,
Bombay.

Motor Vehicles & Taxation Department,
Gymnasium Road off Cruickshank Road, Fort,
Bombay. 6586

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.
NOTICE.
AMENDMENT OF DRAWBACK RULES.

UNDER SECTION 158 (2) of the City of Bombay Municipal Act, 1888, the Standing Committee of the Municipal Corporation have revised condition 2 regulating the grant of 1/5th drawback in the general tax on account of vacancies providing for a minimum loss of 10 p.c. of the rateable value as against 5 p.c prescribed hitherto.

THE CONDITION WILL COME INTO FORCE FROM 1-4-48 and it will apply to the applications to be made in December 1947, for drawback in the bills for the half-year 1-4-48 to 30-9-48.

B. K. PATEL,
Municipal Commissioner
for the City of Bombay.
Municipal Offices,
Bombay, 20th December, 1947. 6598

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.
THE B.E.S.T. COMMITTEE
WANTED

SUITABLE MEN for the posts of Bus Drivers and Bus Conductors with the following requirements:—

BUS CONDUCTORS.—Age between 23 and 30 years. Height minimum 5' 4". Must be able to read, write and speak English properly.

BUS DRIVERS.—Age between 21 and 35 years. Height minimum 5' 5" and must be robust. Must have a clean driving licence. Must have a heavy vehicle endorsement on his licence and should be able to produce a certificate to prove that he has been driving for at least one year.

TRAFFIC MANAGER.
6601

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
HOUSE VALUATIONS FOR 1948-49.
NOTICE

AS REQUIRED by Section 160 of the City of Bombay Municipal Act, 1888, notice is hereby given, that the Ward Assessment Books for the year 1948-49 have been completed, as far as practicable, as required by Section 156 of the Act, and that they will be available for inspection at the office of the Assessor and Collector, BETWEEN 20TH DECEMBER 1947 AND 14TH JANUARY, 1948.

Notice is hereby further given under Section 162(1) of the Act that complaints against the rateable values entered in the said books will be received in the Municipal Commissioner's office UP-TO 14TH JANUARY 1948. Such complaints must be made IN WRITING by the property owners themselves, or by persons duly authorised by them under a power of attorney. As required by Section 163(2) of the Act, THE COMPLAINTS SHOULD SET FORTH BRIEFLY, BUT FULLY, THE GROUNDS ON WHICH THE VALUATION IS COMPLAINED AGAINST, and be accompanied by a statement showing the rents, floor by floor. Complaints which do not fulfil these conditions will not be considered.

The Municipality will not hold itself responsible for the non-receipt of any complaints, UNLESS THE PARTIES COMPLAINING PRODUCE PROPER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNED. If any rate-payer forwards such complaint by post, he will be doing so at his own risk.

B. K. PATEL,
Municipal Commissioner
for the City of Bombay.
Municipal Offices,
Bombay, 20th December, 1947. (6599)

ASSAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.
WANTED OVERSEERS

APPLICATIONS in tabular forms stating (1) community, (2) Home district, (3) age on the 1st September, 1947, (4) Qualification, (5) Experience, (6) Present Occupation, if any together with copies of testimonials and certificates of domicile where applicable will be received upto the 5th January, 1948 for 10 posts of temporary Overseers for employment in the Divisional Drawing Branches under the Assam Public Works Department on Rs. 120-10-250/-p.m. on a five years' contract basis.

An application fee of Rs. 5/- which is necessary is to be credited into Treasury by the candidates under Head "XXXVI—Miscellaneous Departments—Examination Fees—Receipts of the Assam Public Service Commission" and the chalan attached to the application.

Minimum qualification:— passed Overseers from any Government recognised Engineering School.

Government servants including war candidates, are to apply through proper channels. (6589)

RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES.

THE GOVERNMENT of Halvad-Dhrangadhra State (Kathiawar) wish to announce that they will give all facilities to refugees who wish to settle in this State.

2. Those who wish to start new industries in the State, will be most welcome to do so and will be given by the Government all encouragement and help.

3. The Durbar will provide suitable land at a very concessional rate in the vicinity of the towns of Dhrangadhra and Halvad for refugees who wish to construct residential houses or establish colonies.

4. Those who wish to avail of these facilities should apply to Dewan, Halvad-Dhrangadhra State, Dhrangadhra (Kathiawar). 6532

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY
NOTICE

SEALED TENDERS, in ENGLISH are invited for the work of "SUPPLYING, FABRICATING AND ERECTING ALL STEELWORK IN SUPERSTRUCTURE FOR THE HIGH LEVEL RAILWAY BRIDGE OVER THE MAHI RIVER BETWEEN SEVALIA AND TIMBA ROAD STATIONS ON THE ANAND-GODHRA SECTION OF THIS RAILWAY." The whole work is estimated to cost approximately Rs. 11.00 lakhs.

2. Tenders should reach the Office of the Chief Engineer, B.B. & C. I. Railway, Bombay, General Offices, Churchgate, Bombay, not later than 12.30 hours (I.S.T.) on 26th of January, 1948, (Monday).

3. Tender documents together with schedule of approximate weights can be obtained from the office of the Chief Engineer, B. B. & C. I. Railway, Churchgate, Bombay, during office hours on payment of Rs. 5/- only which will not be refunded.

Plans may be seen in the Office of the Chief Engineer, B. B. & C. I. Railway during office hours on any working day and copies as may be required, will be available at Rs. 10/- per set.

4. Only tenders on the specified forms will be accepted and tenders must be accompanied by complete contract documents.

5. Tenders will be opened on 26TH JANUARY, 1948 in the office of the Chief Engineer at 15 hours.

J. S. BEARCROFT,
Chief Engineer. (6600)

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